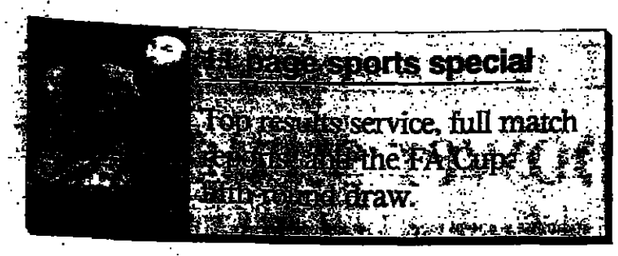

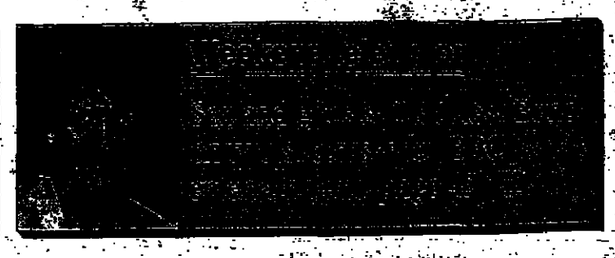

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Major attacked for 'great mistake'

Tories split over Cabinet line on EU

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Cabinet's Euro-sceptic line on greater European integration further divided the Tory party yesterday with Sir Edward Heath leading the pro-European backlash.

The former Prime Minister said it was a "great mistake" for John Major to disclose his negotiating hand and side with the Euro-sceptics in the run-up to the Maastricht Two intergovernmental conference (IGC) next year. He also said that rightwingers were gunning for Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, but that they would fail in their attempt to force him out.

In a further sign of the anger among the Conservative centre-Left at the Cabinet's lurch to the Right, Tim Renton, a former Chief Whip, accused Michael Portillo of being a "flat-earther" in opposing a single currency. Also, Sir Peter Hordern, chairman of the backbench Tory European affairs committee, gave a warning that living standards would suffer if Britain turned its back on a single currency.

But there was little sign yesterday of the Prime Minister or Mr Portillo giving ground in the face of the protests and warnings by Jacques Santer and other Continental politicians that Britain was treading a dangerous path in preparing to confront its partners in the European Union. Ironically, Mr Santer, President of the European Commission, created barely a ripple among his audience of British and European politicians and businessmen at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, when he spelt out his vision of the EU's future.

Renton: accused Portillo of being a flat-earther

Mr Major said that the high tide of federalism in Europe was in decline and Mr Portillo, Employment Secretary, insisted that Britain would use its veto to stop closer European integration.

In the wake of last week's Cabinet meeting at which Mr Hurd's recommendations for the IGC were sidelined, Euro-sceptics inside and outside the Cabinet were cock-a-hoop about the change of tack under Mr Major's leadership.

"I am convinced that on balance we now have a Euro-sceptic Cabinet," one leading Maastricht rebel said, naming Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, and David Hunt, the Cabinet troubleshooter, as ministers who had shifted their ground.

The sceptics were boosted by a Harris Research poll for BBC Television's *On the Record* showing that 55 per cent of Britons oppose a single currency and only 31 per cent are in favour.

In a further sign of the new mood within the Cabinet, Mr Rifkind will today in Brussels reject the call by Mr Santer for a new leap towards a federal Europe. He will insist that the "nation state" must retain final authority and emphasise the need to strengthen relations with the United States.

Britain is worried that the IGC will see an attempt to replace intergovernmental co-operation over defence and foreign policy with direct control by the Community. But the Defence Secretary will say that Britain will never give up final authority over its armed forces, and that action should be decided by co-operation between individual nations, not "supranational bodies".

The Prime Minister said in a BBC interview that the future of Europe lay not in a "centralist monolith" but in more flexible arrangements between member states. "What we have to do is to determine how that comes about," he added.

Despite the rising confidence among Euro-sceptics, Sir Edward Heath said that they would not drive out the Foreign Secretary. Interviewed on *Breakfast with Frost*, Sir Edward said: "There's a campaign at the moment against Douglas Hurd to try to do him in, and saying he is going to retire and what a good thing it is and

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A white dove released yesterday from the Pope's balcony overlooking St Peter's Square flew back and perched on his head, knocking off his skull cap. The Vatican declined to issue a photograph of the bird landing

January rains set 50-year record

BY EMMA WILKINS

TORRENTIAL rain brought flooding to parts of Wales and southwest England yesterday and looked set to make this month the wettest January for nearly half a century.

The National Rivers Authority issued a red alert for the Severn in Shropshire after the river burst its banks at Welshpool, Powys, causing widespread flooding.

After a bright start further rain is expected to push eastwards across the south Midlands towards Essex. Snow is forecast today for northeastern Scotland and eastern England, including East Anglia.

"We are on course for the wettest January since 1948," the London Weather Centre said. "Most parts of the country have had two or three times the amount of rainful we would expect for an average January."

The normal amount of January rainfall is 1.72 inches, but most parts of Britain, excluding northwest Scotland and Northern Ireland, have had more than four inches. More than eight inches of rain has already fallen in Somerset.

In Wales, hundreds of acres of farmland around Welshpool were under water after the Severn overflowed. The rivers authority issued amber alerts for Wye in mid-Wales, the Dovey in the Machynlleth area and for the Bran at Llandovery. Two fishermen were rescued by RAF helicopter after spending a night aboard their 14ft boat in force seven gales and high seas off Anglesey. William Newman, 43, and Michael Little, 28, both from Telford, Shropshire, set off on Saturday for a fishing trip but drifted 16 miles out to sea.

One man drowned in Essex after his dinghy capsized at Brightlingsea Creek, near the mouth of the Colne. Leonard Miller, 50, was travelling 700 yards across the creek from a pub to a caravan base on the other side of the water.

In Wiltshire, the Avon flooded half-way up the riverside gardens of residents in Salisbury Cathedral Close.

Hundreds of acres of farmland on the Somerset Levels are under water — flooding the already saturated soil. In Cornwall, the Neet was on amber alert at Bude. In Scotland, thousands of skiers were out of the slopes yesterday after snowfalls brought fresh cover. There were more than 1,000 skiers on Cairngorm, near Aviemore.

Up to 20 people were feared drowned as floods and gales swept northern Europe. Dozens of towns and villages have been evacuated in eastern and western France.

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Howard's police caution pruned to 37 words

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY six months after lawyers, civil liberties groups and police commanders rejected a hefty new 58-word police caution for suspects, the Home Office is launching a pruned version of 37 words.

It is longer than the present 23-word caution that has been used in England and Wales for 30 years. Home Office officials, lawyers and the police, however, believe that the edited caution will be workable. The Home Office has confirmed that the new wording is imminent.

The shortened version is expected to read: "You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence."

The replacement caution originally proposed by the Home Office, and reputedly mostly written by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, read: "You do not have to say anything. But if you do not mention now something which you later used in your defence the court may decide that your failure to mention it now strengthens the case against you. A record will be made of anything you say and it may be given if you are brought to trial."

The present caution says: "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so but what you may say will be given in evidence." It is now considered inadequate for changing legal circumstances where, under the new Criminal Justice Act, inferences may be drawn in court if a suspect fails to mention a fact under questioning that later is part of his defence.

The Police Federation said it had been consulted about the new formula and had failed to suggest a better one.

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The Times regrets that the coupon enabling readers to buy *The Sunday Times* for 70p was not published in some editions on Saturday. Newsagents have been asked to accept the masthead at the top of the front page of Saturday's paper instead of the voucher.

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Dublin 'to free five more IRA inmates'

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Government is planning to release up to five IRA prisoners before the end of their sentences as a reward for the ceasefire, political sources in Dublin said last night.

Speculation mounted in the Republic last night that the inmates would be freed this week after the Irish Government released nine prisoners last year.

The inmates are believed to include Pamela Kane, the IRA's only woman prisoner in the Republic, who is not due to be released until 1997. Kane, 30, from Dublin, is serving a ten year sentence for armed robbery. Prison sources said that Pat Flanagan, who is due to be released in 1996 after a ten year sentence, will also be freed. He is understood to be ill.

The Irish Government believes that freeing IRA prisoners is the most important concession it can offer the republican movement to underpin the ceasefire. Sinn Fein is running a campaign to free its "prisoners of war", and Dublin is concerned that London's refusal to release prisoners will undermine support for the ceasefire among IRA hardliners.

There are 46 prisoners in the Republic who claim allegiance to the IRA. The five who are due to be released are among 30 inmates in the country freed on parole just before Christmas.

Three missing sisters safe

Three sisters were found safe last night after running away on Saturday in an attempt to reunite their estranged parents.

Catherine Davison, 14, and her sisters Donna, 12, and Lynda, 6, left a note for their father at their home in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. Police said they had been staying at the home of a school friend of Catherine.

Son finds mother murdered in bed

A man discovered the battered and strangled body of his elderly mother after her killer apparently broke into the family's large home in Wembley, north west London, and murdered the wealthy widow as she slept

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UN struggles to head off jungle war

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations was trying yesterday to prevent a longstanding border dispute between Peru and Ecuador flaring up into a full-scale war, after several days of fighting in the jungle.

Last night Ecuador claimed that it had brought down a helicopter and killed seven Peruvian soldiers who were part of a "massive offensive" launched against Ecuadorean positions.

Argentina, the current president of the 15-nation UN Security Council, called for an emergency Council meeting as Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, contacted the UN ambassadors of both sides in an effort to mediate. Both Peru and Ecuador have reinforced their troops along the disputed 50-mile stretch of border.

Relations between the two countries have been tense since they signed a treaty in 1942 which gave half of Ecuador to Peru after a border war. Fighting escalated this year after Ecuador repudiated a territorial settlement. At least 30 people have been killed in the past threee days.

César Gaviria, head of the Organisation of American States, travelled to the region in an effort to find a peaceful solution. But President Fujimori of Peru said on Saturday that neither the OAS nor the UN should meddle.

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Shortage of runs makes Gooch end Test career

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GRAHAM GOOCH said yesterday that his 20-year international cricket career will end when he steps off the field in Perth next week. The former England captain, who will break the record of Test appearances for England in the fifth and final Test against Australia on Thursday, is tired of losing and unwilling to tolerate the decline in his personal standards.

"My job is to score runs and I haven't been doing that in the quantities I expect of myself," Gooch, 41, said yesterday, shortly before scoring 34 in the second innings of the fourth Test in Adelaide. "I still feel capable of making enough runs to get by at this level, but getting by is not my game. It is an emotional thing, because I have put a lot of time and effort into Test cricket. But I set out to score hundreds and if I don't do it I get disappointed. Mentally, I can't handle a drop in my standards."

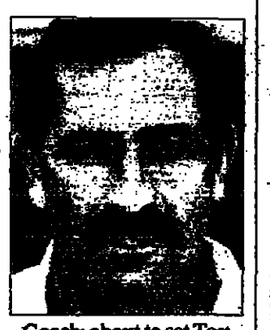
Gooch, a fitness fanatic who is meticulous in his preparation, admitted it has taken a lot out of him to compose himself prior to innings in Australia. The timing of his announcement is neat. He will play his 118th Test match in Perth, breaking David Gower's record, and yesterday he became the third-highest run-scorer in Test cricket, behind Allan Border and Sunil Gavaskar, with 8,859 at an average of nearly 43. But the 17 innings since the last of 20 Test hundreds — against New Zealand in Nottingham last summer — have brought only 356 runs. During his Test career, Gooch has taken 23 wickets with his medium-pace bowling and played in 125 one-day internationals.

He played in his first Test in 1975, two years after his first-class debut for Essex, the county he has served throughout his career. He captained England 34 times and, but for a three-year Test ban for joining an unofficial tour to South Africa in 1982, would have set further records. His highest score in a Test was 333, which he achieved against India at Lord's in 1990.

"Not only is this the right time for me, but the right time for England," said Gooch, who is to continue as captain of Essex. "I believe that for the team to progress, the other batsmen in the side must be encouraged to take up the challenge of establishing themselves as senior players."

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, expressed his sadness at the end of "a long and distinguised international career. I still think Graham has got some runs left in him and there's a good chance he will score a century in the last Test at Perth. But you can't turn the clock back and I think he's probably made the right decision."

England were struggling to avoid defeat in Adelaide. Going into the last day today, they led Australia by 154 runs with four second-innings wickets in hand. Gooch was batting serenely until being caught behind for the fifth



Gooch: about to set Test appearance record

time in a series in which he is averaging only 25. Australia lead the series 2-0.

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Santer emerges as new player in Tory power struggle

Santer: avoiding conflict

Jacques Santer's speech in Davos at the weekend produced claims and counter-claims among Conservative MPs that bore almost no relation to anything he said, George Brock *writes*

THE furious argument that blew up at Westminster and across the airwaves yesterday over the latest speech on Europe's future by Jacques Santer reveals the gulf that has opened up between Britain's European debate and the argument on the Continent.

Attending the World Economic Forum in Davos alongside M Santer, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, repeated the Cabinet's current chorus that further powers should not be ceded to Brussels in 1996 when the Maastricht treaty is reviewed. Mr Portillo's remarks set the tone for a weekend of Conservative MPs clubbing each other over the head with claims and counter-claims about Mr Santer's speech, which bore almost no relation to anything that the new President of the European Commission had said in Switzerland. Whether he likes it or not, Mr Santer has become a player in the Tory party's power struggle.

The briefest examination of M Santer's address to the movers and shakers of the global economy discloses that he went out of his way to avoid embarrassing John Major and his Government. The speech is markedly less radical than Mr Santer's speech ten days ago to the European Parliament.

Nobody who has seen the former Prime Minister of Luxembourg in action could say that he enjoys provoking controversy: in fact he recoils from conflict and is trying to talk plainly to a European audience made up of of 380 million people who speak at least 11 languages. In doing so, he has already said things which Jacques Delors would never have countenanced. However true he knew it to be, M Delors would have been loath to admit that people see the EU as "part of a bureaucratic, byzantine, technocratic Brussels maze, detached from the real world's problems".

The EU treaty requires the Commission to ensure that the treaty is "applied". Since the Maastricht treaty commits all 15 governments both to the goal of a single currency and to discussing the development of a "common defence", a Commission president who failed to support these aims would be failing in his most basic task.

Mr Santer did not go on to ask the interesting question of whether public opinion across the EU was either interested in or behind these lofty aims: his frankness has limits. But he did say that the EU "must in future give much clearer, understandable and more convincing answers as to how it genuinely benefits ordinary people's lives". Mr Santer is discovering that almost any speech he makes will now generate "New Federalist Threat to Major" headlines.

"Santer isn't out to get Major but he is his own man," a senior EU official said. "He can't tailor any speech he makes to what some loonies in the British gutter press or Westminster will think of it."

Douglas Hurd finds himself in much the same position. Asked last week how he felt on saying goodbye to M Delors, the Foreign Secretary replied that while he disagreed with M Delors he bid him farewell "with a certain amount of regret" because he was a "highly intelligent and honourable man".

Just as continental arguments over the EU's future constitution are in molten flux, Britain's political debate is hardening. EU officials and diplomats conclude that dialogue with London is all but impossible as collective hysteria grips Westminster. "Until recently I thought that Britain would arrive at the conference in 1996 with a set of ideas and might be quite well-placed in the mainstream on some of them," a senior Commission official said yesterday. "But when I see this sort of thing I'm flabbergasted. If this goes on, the British will just isolate themselves in the arguments."

The continental analysts who circulate between the endless seminars chewing over what should happen in 1996 ask themselves a question seldom posed in British debate: how far from the centre of the EU does Britain want to be?

Mr Santer said on Saturday: "We might need to consider a multi-speed approach to European integration, but without building Chinese walls around those in the vanguard group to ensure that there is no permanent exclusion, discrimination or Europe *à la carte*."

That sounds like an encouraging reply to John Major's words on the same topic in his speech in Leiden last autumn. However, it is not clear if the two men are on the same wavelength any more.

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Portillo: Cabinet chorus

Gummer to cut local authority support

Ministers act to quell revolt on town hall funding

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is facing a rough ride on Wednesday over the level of Whitehall cash grants to local councils. Senior ministers are fearful they could be hit by a Tory revolt as they try to push through the Commons what they admit is the toughest local authority settlement in 20 years.

Under an announcement made by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, in November, central support for local authorities is set to fall by 0.4 per cent in cash terms after discounting extra money for community care.

Tory MPs in shire seats have been bombarded with claims by council leaders and officers that the town and county hall squeeze will mean drastic cuts in education with teachers being sacked and class sizes rising sharply. Concern has also been expressed about police funding and social services. But some Tories have hit back by accusing Labour and Liberal Democrat councils of deliberately targeting these politically sensitive services to maximise pressure on the Government.

Rightwing Tories are inclined to stand firm in Wednesday's vote to approve the revenue support grant settlement because they fear that any extra public spending would jeopardise their hopes of pre-election tax cuts.

It is understood that Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has had 1,000 letters of protest in his Henley constituency. Other Oxfordshire Tories have been put under pressure by angry parents and last week Roy Pryke, director of education services in Kent, issued a leaflet warning parents of sharp reductions. "Every part of the Kent education service will be hit," he said.

The campaign against the settlement has provoked intense efforts by ministers to keep MPs in line and head off a bigger revolt. Last week, David Curry, the Local Government Minister, and Eric Forth, the Schools Minister, sought to reassure worried Conservative MPs at an unusually well-attended meeting of the backbench education committee.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, wrote to all Tory MPs at the weekend spelling out the facts in individual constituencies and giving them ammunition with which to counter local critics.

But Mrs Shephard is worried that the settlement is so tight that councils will not be able to fund this year's teachers' pay award. She is considering urging the Prime Minister to cut back any review body award, due this month, to no more than 1.5 per cent.

Ministers appeared confident last night that few if any Tories would take their opposition to the point of voting against the Government. However, senior figures predicted a lot of Conservative "whingeing and moaning" in the debate to be opened by Mr Gummer and closed by Mr Curry.

Sir Teddy Taylor, one of the nine whipless Tories, predicted "revolting noises" from Tories in the debate and said he was worried about police cuts in Essex. Robert Jackson, Tory MP for Wantage and a former Education Minister, said he had received 500-600 letters of protest about the spending squeeze.

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Lobbyists take their talents to the East

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE political lobbyists at the centre of the cash-for-questions controversy have begun exporting their expertise to Eastern Europe. With the promise of massive privatisations rolling across Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, leading British lobbyists, dubbed the storm troops of capitalism, have moved in.

Next month Ian Greer, who has issued a writ against *The Guardian*, which accused his company of paying MPs to table Commons questions, will address 200 businessmen in St Petersburg about the benefits of lobbying. His company, Ian Greer Associates, is leading the expansion drive into Eastern Europe. A joint venture was established last month between IGA and CEC-Government Relations in Prague. Joint offices have been opened in Budapest, Prague, Bratislava and Warsaw.

Another firm of British lobbyists, GJW Government Relations, has opened a network of offices in Eastern Europe, including Moscow. The company has worked with the Hungarian Ministry of Finance and on a motorway project in Budapest.

The multi-million-pound world of lobbying is at the centre of Lord Nolan's investigation into standards in public life, which is expected to recommend a regulatory system between MPs and lobbyists.

Andrew Smith, 38, group managing director of IGA, said: "Lobbying is an essential piece of clothing in any businessman's wardrobe."

CRISPIN RODWELL

Pebble-dashing on the historic walls of Hillsborough Fort, which angry residents describe as "vandalism"

Pebble-dashing brings unfortunate touch of suburbia to historic fort

GOVERNMENT officials in Northern Ireland charged with conserving its architectural heritage have been accused of vandalism for covering one of its most picturesque and historic houses with a suburban-style pebble-dash.

Many residents of Hillsborough, Co Down, a conservation village and the site of the Queen's official home in Ulster, are said to be "horrified" at the inappropriate rendering that has been slapped all over the walls of *Hillsborough Fort's* gatehouse on the orders of the provincial Environment Department.

Built in 1650 with its four towers added in a remodelling in 1761, the crenellated gatehouse sits squarely flanked by the bare stone walls and earth ramparts of the old artillery fort and adjoins the similarly stone-built St Malachy's palace church with which it was, until the rendering, visually cohesive. But now, apart from its crenellations and a few courses of brickwork at the roof, it is wholly covered with pale brown pebble-dash.

David Kingan stands before the renovated fort

David Kingan, vice chairman of the Hillsborough and District Committee, which was set up more than 40 years ago to safeguard the village's largely Georgian appearance, said: "There was no consultation. The first we knew was when the DoE had contractors working. We thought they were merely doing the gatehouse up. We didn't realise the outside appearance was going to be radically altered too."

Jim Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist Party leader in whose constituency Hillsborough lies, was unequivocal. "The rendering is vandalism," he said.

Jim Quinn, of Qu-Val Construction, the first contractor commissioned to refurbish the gatehouse, asked to be relieved of the contract when told by Marion Meek, the DoE's senior inspector of historic monuments, to pebble-dash the walls.

Mr Quinn told the residents' committee: "Children are penalised for spraying graffiti on walls. This is much more serious and is being carried out by a misguided government department under the guise of conservation."

Ms Meek said: "I understand people's concerns but we have to protect what was originally there to allow this building to survive. The very fine woodwork within was beginning to rot."

But Ms Meek conceded that pebble-dash was a modern technique.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brooke praises 'brave' Adams

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, is a "brave man", Peter Brooke, the former Northern Ireland Secretary, will say on tonight's *Panorama* programme on BBC1 (Nicholas Watts writes).

Mr Brooke praises Mr Adams for leading the IRA across a "rubicon" when its ceasefire was declared last year. Mr Brooke, who was replaced by Sir Patrick Mayhew in 1992, says in the programme: "Gerry Adams was a brave man and I hope he will be justified. That step, the ceasefire, was a crucial step. He had a leadership role. He performed it."

☐ The police presence on anti-terrorist checkpoints around the City of London is being scaled down. Round-the-clock manning of eight checkpoints set up after the IRA bombings of the City in 1992 and 1993 is to cease. The barriers will remain and officers will continue to staff the checkpoints on an irregular basis.

Parents seek Major's help

The parents of a Scots Guardsman who stood trial for murder in Belfast last year called on John Major yesterday to intervene in the case. Douglas and Isobel Wright said they were "cracking up" as they waited to hear their son's fate after judgment was reserved in his case. Mark Wright, 21, from Arbroath, stood trial last year with James Fisher, 28, from Ayrshire, accused of murdering Peter McBride, 18, in Belfast in 1992. The two are still in custody.

Overhaul for prison chiefs

Senior managers in the Prison Service face a wide-ranging overhaul in the wake of the Whitemoor and Parkhurst escapes, officials confirmed yesterday. The service faced fresh embarrassment over the weekend with the publication of a leaked memorandum from its director of finance linking the escapes to failures by managers and the service's board. A spokesman said that recommendations would be made within the next few weeks.

Channel Tunnel security inquiry

Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, ordered the two companies running Channel Tunnel services yesterday to investigate security procedures after allegations of breaches involving Eurostar and Shuttle trains. The move followed newspaper allegations that X-ray scanning equipment was not used on luggage at the Waterloo terminal and that lorries were not checked. A spokesman said Dr Mawhinney had personally ordered the reports.

Pensioner's winning way

A pensioner has won on the National Lottery every week by using his intuition and a hat containing raffle tickets. Arthur Kimberley, 70, of Headington, Oxfordshire, enjoyed his latest win on Saturday of two lots of £10.

Four players won £2,293,628 each. Sixteen shared the five-plus-bonus prize and won £176,432 each, while 1,304 had five matching numbers which gave them £1,353.

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Inspector to name 50 state secondary schools as 'beacons of excellence'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 50 schools will be officially identified tomorrow as beacons of excellence for the state system by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector.

Chris Woodhead will take the unprecedented step of lauding a select group of secondaries in his first annual report. The move will counterbalance a series of trenchant criticisms that threaten to undermine attempts by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, to show six years of reforms are bearing fruit. The overwhelming majority of chosen schools are drawn from suburban and rural areas. The Anfield Community Comprehensive in Liverpool is understood to be the only school on the list with an intake drawn almost entirely from the inner city. Its GCSE results have improved threefold in two years.

Tomorrow's report will be wide-ranging, identifying junior schools as the source of greatest concern. It is expected to censure teachers for expecting too little of pupils aged eight to 11 and to judge almost one third of lessons to be unsatisfactory.

Mr Woodhead is likely to announce inquiries into the professional leadership provided by head teachers, reading standards in inner-city boroughs and the need for more specialist teaching in primary schools. His report will also highlight the deterioration in the condition of school buildings and the impact of a growing backlog of repairs. The decision to name schools which deserve praise underlines Mr Woodhead's determination that the new inspection regime should be more "parent-friendly" and make clear judgments about schools in language that is easily understood.

Shephard: says reforms are finally bearing fruit

The schools were picked from more than 900 secondaries inspected last year. They all received positive reports and improved examination results by at least 10 per cent in the past two years.

Anfield Community Comprehensive is mixed and finished halfway down the league table of Liverpool schools published by the Education Department in November. But it has proved itself one of the fastest-improving schools in the country.

Eighteen per cent of pupils achieved five GCSEs at grades A to C last summer, well below the area average of 25 per cent and less than half the national average. This compares well with the first league table in 1992 which showed only 6 per cent of Anfield's pupils achieving five good passes.

The report by Mr Woodhead, who last week urged teachers to abandon the orthodoxies of progressive teaching methods, is unlikely to win favour with Mrs Shephard. Her brief since taking office in July has been to restore relations with the profession and show that reforms are beginning to lift standards.

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BY FRANCES GIBB

The Equal Opportunities Commission has called for more women judges as part of an overhaul of the system for judicial appointments.

The commission would like to end the reliance on "word of mouth" references from senior judges which, it told the Home Affairs Committee, "could represent a serious obstacle to many women who could demonstrate their suitability for appointment in every other respect". Despite the numbers of women in the legal profession, the commission says "it is most disappointing to note that women continue to be significantly under-represented at all levels of the judiciary".

There are no women among the 10 law lords; one out of 29 Court of Appeal judges; six out of 95 High Court judges; 29 out of 514 circuit judges; 41 out of 866 recorders; 61 out of 391 assistant recorders; 29 out of 299 district judges; 84 out of 723 deputy district judges; two out of 33 provincial stipendiary magistrates.

Cabinet EU split

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Michael Portillo [should] become Foreign Secretary. Nothing of the sort is going to happen. I know Douglas isn't going to retire."

Si Edward said that Britain was in danger of being left behind by the rest of Europe. "What I want them to do is to lift us out of this quagmire which we have got into as a country. What we're doing is attacking everybody else in the Union. Some people believe we can change the whole thing to something which is just a get-together and nothing more. This isn't going to happen, and if we try it we do ourselves even more damage."

Sir Edward said it was a mistake for Mr Major to commit himself to a particular agenda for the IGC because if he failed to deliver "you are open to attack from all those who hate you and want to get rid of you".

Hans van den Broek, EC External Affairs Commissioner, and Jean Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister, deplored Mr Portillo's robust defence of the British veto in remarks made at the world economic forum. The Employment Secretary said Britain would veto any attempt to dilute its voting strength in the Council of Ministers, to increase the powers of the European Parliament or to scrap the veto itself.

Mr Dehaene said such an approach was unacceptable as it would lead to a Europe of different speeds, where those who wanted to go faster than their partners would do so.

The most controversial points made by Mr Santer in his speech to the forum were that Europe could not be extended to the East without a further strengthening of the present political institutions in Brussels. "The IGC could lead to a great improvement in the efficiency of Europe's political institutions without which further enlargement of the EU cannot realistically take place," he said.

Mr Santer also said that creating a European Monetary Union would be one of his highest priorities as president of the Commission. "If we want a strong European economy, we must have a strong single currency. There must be no departing from the path towards monetary and economic union mapped out in the Maatsricht treaty."

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Police appeal to criminal underworld for help in finding the killer of 'a genuinely nice lady'

Son finds wealthy mother strangled on burglary estate

By Richard Duce

A MAN discovered the battered and strangled body of his elderly mother after her killer apparently broke into the family's large home and murdered the wealthy widow as she slept, police said yesterday.

Luigia Fiori, 68, was found lying on her heavily blood-stained bed by her son Antonio when he became worried that she had failed to appear for breakfast at the detached bungalow they shared in Wembley, north west London. Mr Fiori, 30, has told police that he wished his mother goodnight in the early hours of Saturday morning and then got up early some hours later to watch the Australia v England Test match on satellite television. He became worried when his mother, known to the family as Louisa, had not appeared by 9.30 am.

Last night Detective Superintendent Keith Ford, who is leading the murder inquiry, said: "It is one of the worst murders I have dealt with in 27 years as a police officer. This was a brutal killing. She has suffered severe head injuries and has also been the victim of strangulation."

Police have discovered evidence that a window might have been forced at the bungalow in Barn Drive, but have yet to establish a motive for the murder of Mrs Fiori, whose family is understood to have connections with a chain of Italian restaurants.

Luigia Fiori: she was beaten and strangled

Initial inquiries by the 30-strong team of detectives involved in the search for the killer have determined that nothing of value was taken from the four-bedroomed bungalow. Mr Ford said it had still to be established whether there had been a sexual motive for the murder. "Forensic tests are still being carried out at the scene. There appears at this stage to be no sign of anything being taken or stolen from her house. The motive at present is unclear. A sexual aspect to the murder is still being investigated by my team. One of our lines of inquiry is to establish whether there have been similar crimes in the area.

"I would appeal for local people and in particular people in the criminal fraternity, who I know from experience always help in cases like this, to supply us with what help they can. I must stress this was a particularly brutal killing. She was beaten with an implement of some kind which is not in our possession." Mr Ford said. "It is a large house and if the attack was quick and swift it's possible that the son may not have heard what went on. It is a very large bungalow with four large bedrooms. There are no signs she put up any struggle. She was still in her bed and had some clothing on."

Mrs Fiori, widowed four years ago, "was very much family orientated, very close to the Catholic Church, a genuinely nice lady," Mr Ford said.

He said Antonio Fiori had returned home at around 11.30 pm on Friday after going out with his girlfriend. "His mother was awake at the time, they had a conversation, and Mrs Fiori retired to bed about 1am."

At 6.30 am her son woke to watch the end of the transmission of the Test match and became concerned when, towards 9.30, his mother had not woken up. "He went into her bedroom, some way from his, and found her dead."

Mr Ford appealed for help from anyone who had seen anything suspicious in the area between 8 pm on Friday and 8 am on Saturday.

Father Sean Flannery of the nearby English Martyrs Church where Mrs Fiori used to arrange flowers for weekend services, said: "She was a lovely, kind member of my congregation. She had been coming to the church for years and was always ready to help. I went over to her home in the early afternoon yesterday, and a uniformed officer told me that she had been found dead in unfortunate circumstances. Since then I have had to tell people coming to church. At the start of every mass I have told the congregation of her death. People are shocked and very upset." Mrs Fiori's mock tudor home is on a private estate where properties are valued at around £250,000 and are often the target for burglars. Anyone who can assist the murder inquiry can call the incident room at Edgware police station on 0181 733 3534.

ANDRE CAMARA

The house in Barn Rise, Wembley, where Mrs Fiori was found dead. It is on a private estate that recently became a target for burglars

Foale: shuttle mission

First Briton ready for space walk

By Nigel Hawkes

THE first space walk by a British-born astronaut is to take place this week when Dr Michael Foale carries out a six-hour operation from the space shuttle *Discovery*.

Dr Foale, 38, was born in Lincolnshire but is now an American citizen, having emigrated there in 1982 determined to become an astronaut. This will be his third flight and he will be testing a modified spacesuit to see if it keeps him warm in temperatures of minus 135F. He will also help to launch a satellite from the shuttle's payload bay.

The eight-day mission, which is due to lift off on Wednesday, will involve a rendezvous with the Russian Mir space station.

Dr Foale, who has a PhD in astrophysics from Cambridge University, will be one of three mission specialists in *Discovery's* crew of six. A Russian cosmonaut, Vladimir Titov, will also fly on the mission. Dr Foale will take part in tests to investigate how well astronauts can manhandle heavy objects in the shuttle's cargo bay.

Tarantino fans get it straight between the eyes

By Joe Joseph

THERE was good news and bad news for the 450 disciples who managed to acquire a ticket to the National Film Theatre in London on Saturday night to see Quentin Tarantino, the American director who has managed the improbable feats of making both lurid violence and John Travolta chic again.

The good news, said Tarantino, who has secured cinematic fame with his two offerings, *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction*, was that they could forget film school. You want to make hot movies? Then just watch some Jean-Luc Godard films, because "they really kind of just get the idea across that, you know, that if you really love movies enough, you can make one... you don't need to know the difference between a lens and a bag of sand".

Tarantino's would-be proteges could scarcely believe their luck. Then came the bad news: making a gripping 2½-hour movie that brazenly dances along a tightrope between humour and horror may look easy, but it's not. When an engagingly honest "wannabe" in the audience confided that "I want to get into film, but I'm really lazy, like. What kind of advice can you give me?", Tarantino gave it to him straight between the eyes.

"No one's going to make your dream come true. The only way to do it is to say, I'm gonna do it, no matter what. The best way is to say, hey, I've got a script here and I'm going to turn it into a film by, say, January 27 next year."

So if you pass an old warehouse during the coming year and spot some guy's ear being sliced off while the song "Stuck In The Middle With You" plays surreally in the background, do not be surprised: you have merely chanced upon one of the 450 who were at the NFT on Saturday.

Fully aware of the power of celluloid imagination, Tarantino was careful to listen to the audience's various fancy theories about his movies, about their sub-text on homosexuality, or divine grace, or mercy and redemption, or about the bowel obsessions of heroine addicts.

"I'm setting out to make entertaining films. I do feel that *Pulp Fiction* is saying something, but not everybody hears that. But that's okay. That's not why I made it." He also wants to keep his audiences gripped and guessing. "You can't do the crossword *and* watch my movies."

Tarantino: likes to keep his audiences guessing

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Historian falls foul of politically correct lobby

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE increasing reliance of publishers on the American market is fostering a wave of political correctness, conservative academics claimed yesterday after Oxford University Press rejected a commissioned study for taking a traditionalist view of history.

John Vincent, Professor of History at Bristol University, had made several changes to accommodate criticisms of his survey of the development of the subject. However the book, on which he had worked for more than two years, was deemed last month "not suitable for publication".

Professor Vincent, whose traditionalist stance has made him a controversial figure in academic circles, said the rejection was a "high-quality knifing". He placed the blame on an anonymous "reader" who assessed his work for Oxford University Press.

Among the readers' complaints were that he had omitted the contribution of women as historians. A four-page report also said: "Current historical writing attempts to use inclusive language: people *not* men, the historian *not* solely as 'he'."

The reader described Professor Vincent's criticism of many modern historians as a "rather sad and bitter diatribe". The manuscript was said to display a "general absence of the appreciation of the project of social history".

OUP told Professor Vincent that his amendments had failed to satisfy the original criticisms of his book's approach. A spokesman said the book, designed for students in Britain and America, did not fit the narrow criteria set for it.

Other academics with traditionalist views said yesterday that political correctness was a growing problem. Professor Anthony O'Hear, of Bradford University, a government adviser on education, said: "It is the American market that is the big bugbear. I have had no difficulties myself but one hears of a lot of examples of this kind of thing."

Chris McGovern, a fierce critic of the modern approach to history said: "This doesn't surprise me: it is a familiar story nowadays. John Vincent is a leading historian but you have to think in a certain way to be acceptable."

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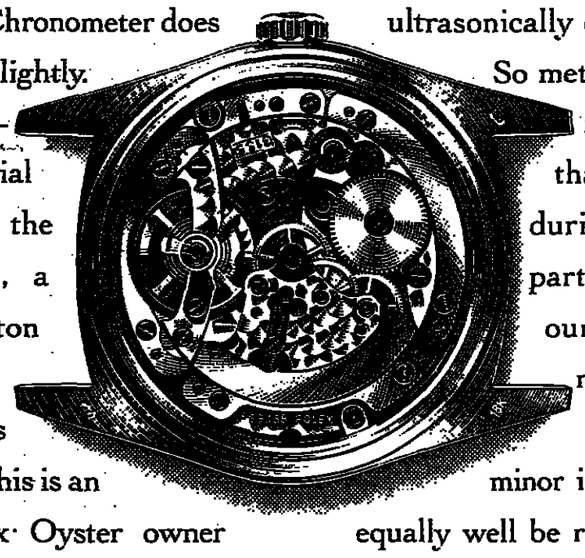

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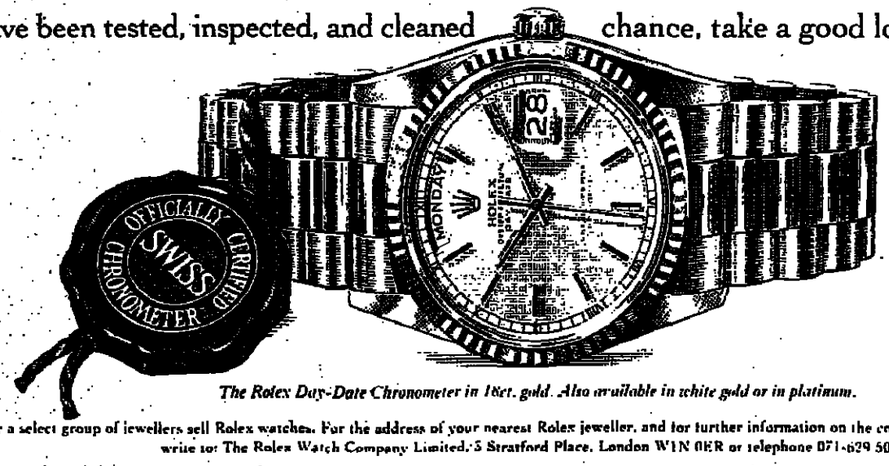

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Setback for Far East survivors as Allies are accused of fuelling industrialisation of genocide

Japanese firms reject plan to compensate PoWs

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BRITISH survivors of the Japanese wartime prison camps have suffered a serious setback in their campaign to win compensation for the hardships they suffered in captivity. A plan for Japanese businesses to pay compensation through a charitable foundation, which was first proposed by John Major, has been shelved.

Sir Kit McMahon, former chairman of Midland Bank, led the campaign in Japan on behalf of the survivors. He went to Tokyo last year to discuss the proposition with the Japanese government.

However, Japanese company chairmen vetoed the proposed foundation. The 22,000 survivors of Japanese internment will now have to rely on securing a hard-fought victory for compensation in the courts.

The proposal for a non-governmental foundation had the enthusiastic support of the Association of British Civilian Internees Far Eastern Region. Two of the group's 1,300 members have been in Tokyo for the past week trying to secure legal support for compensation.

Some 18,000 British civilians were held in camps throughout the Far East with 8,000 in China. Only the heads of households among them received the £45 compensation agreed in the 1951 peace treaty.

Alastair Goodlad, a Foreign Office minister, in a letter to the association, said that the discussions over the forum had broken down. He wrote: "The Prime Minister has written to the Japanese Prime Minister to express his continuing concern about the problem of the Far Eastern prisoners of war and civilian internees.

"Although [Sir Kit] was able to discuss the matter frankly and constructively with the Japanese government the reaction of the private sector was uniformly negative. Sir Kit and we have been obliged to conclude that the foundation approach is unlikely to succeed in present circumstances."

Renee Cumberbatch, the founder and president of the association, who was interned outside Shanghai, said: "The foundation is over. The idea collapsed. We are undaunted. We will continue to press the case in the courts. We want a financial reconciliation."

Old soldiers meet former enemies

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

FORMER Allied prisoners of war joined Japanese war veterans yesterday in an emotional wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Tokyo.

"It was very traumatic. I regret to say I cried," Arthur Titherington, who was interned in Japanese army camps for more than three years during the Second World War, said.

Two Britons, an Australian and an American, all former prisoners of the Japanese army, met their old enemies at a hotel near the memorial shrine in central Tokyo and spoke about the past. There were tears and "frank admissions" of suffering borne and inflicted, Mr Titherington said. Together, the two groups then carried poppy wreaths to the chrysanthemum-decorated shrine.

"They've admitted that crimes were committed: this is what we want," Sid Tavender, a Briton who was forced to work on the Burma-Thailand railway, said. Martyn Day, the group's solicitor, said: "It was very moving. The Japanese veterans were very humble in their apologies."

Seven former PoWs from five countries are visiting Tokyo to represent 25,000 former Allied PoWs in a compensation suit against the Japanese Government. The case opens today in Tokyo.

Renee Cumberbatch, top, and the camp in which she survived with her daughter Mona, six months old when interned

She left the camp only once — to bury her father

WHEN Renee Cumberbatch walked into a dank, dilapidated Japanese internment camp 20 miles south of Shanghai, with her six-month-old daughter, she weighed 10st. When she left, racked by dysentery and malaria, she was 5st (Andrew Pierce writes).

Mrs Cumberbatch, born and bred in China, was working at the British Embassy in Shanghai when the Japanese invaded. Their homes were commandeered, their businesses closed and they lost all their assets and pensions.

Before she was rounded up by Japanese troops she gave her jewellery to her Chinese cook with the instruction he was to sell it if he needed to. When they were liberated he gave it all back.

Her husband, Leslie, was sent to Lunghwa camp. Mrs Cumberbatch was put to work for three years organising the internment of the Allied refugees.

She was one of the last to go into a camp in 1944 with 300 sick and infirm civilians. Only 19 were able bodied. Forty died in 14 months. One of the last was her father, whom she nursed on his death bed. The only time she left the camp was to bury him.

Her daughter Mona survived and now has children of her own. "Thank God she doesn't remember anything," Mrs Cumberbatch, founder of the Association of British Civilian Internees Far Eastern Region, said. "I breast-fed her, which depleted my reserves even further. I am sure it kept her alive.

"We were forgotten about. We lost everything, our homes, our jobs and our financial assets. We were repatriated without representation or funds."

British and American indifference 'killed thousands of Jews'

THOUSANDS of Jews could have been saved from slaughter in the Holocaust if the Allied governments had acted promptly, a meeting in London was told yesterday. (John Young writes).

Denouncing "British and American "indifference", Fred Barschak, convenor of the meeting organised by the Yad Vashem Charitable Trust to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, said that learned scholars had told all about the "how" of Auschwitz.

Moving testimony had also been heard from survivors describing the "what" — what it was like to be in that hell hole.

"Which leaves one question which has been in the public domain for years but has never been fully answered, namely 'why?'"

Mr Barschak said: "Two years after Winston Churchill stood up in the House of Commons and informed the world that four million Jews had already been done to death, why was it that the whole operation was allowed to continue to function?"

That was not to say that six million or even one million lives could have been saved, he said. But a substantial number of Jews, whether ten thousand or two hundred thousand, had perished because of the indifference of the Allied authorities, which included the United States, Britain, Canada and others.

"We have been brought up with the adage that for evil to triumph it requires only that good men do nothing," Mr Barschak said, adding that we should at least try to ensure that when murders take place, good men take action.

Several hundred Jews, including some survivors of Auschwitz, packed the lecture hall at the University of London to hear Lord Bullock say that it was crucial to the understanding of the Holocaust to realise that it had been a secret operation. From the beginning, the historian said, nothing had been written down and there were no documents to convey what had been intended.

The massacres had taken place in a part of the world where two great campaigns, the German invasion of Russia and the Soviet counter-attack, had left a legacy of scorched earth. War there had taken place on a scale and with a violence of which the West had no experience.

It had been the intention of the Germans that those Slavs who remained alive should be reduced to slave labour while the Jews were consigned to extinction. It was impossible to count the numbers of dead: the figure could be 20 million, perhaps 25 million.

As the tide turned and the Russians drove the Germans back, those involved in crimes against the Jews were aware that there were no records. The Nazis decided to destroy systematically what evidence there was. They hoped that at the end of the day it would be difficult to advance proof of what had taken place or to identify those responsible.

"That this did not happen, thank God, was due to the dedicated work of a few men and women who set about uncovering the facts," Lord Bullock said.

Auschwitz, he added, was often seen as a symbol of the Holocaust. In fact it was the last death camp to be established. Before it was put into operation approximately four million Jews were already dead, many shot by the *Einsatzgruppen*, the German army death squads advancing into Russia. Others died in the ghettos or in earlier extermination camps.

However, it was at Auschwitz that the industrialisation of genocide came into its own.

Auschwitz: never again, says Pope

THE Pope said yesterday that the world had to ensure that it would not have to cry over "other Auschwitzes". In his first public comment on Friday's 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camp in Poland, where an estimated 1.5 million people were killed, he said Auschwitz had been "a triumph of evil". He said: "Never again anti-Semitism. Never again the arrogance of nationalisms. Never again genocide."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man dies in fight outside takeaway

Police are questioning two white youths after an Asian man was found dead outside a kebab shop after a fight on Saturday night. Mushtaq Hussain, 49, of Great Harwood, Lancashire, and a friend were involved in a fracas with two youths.

By the time police arrived Mr Hussain had died. Detectives said they could not eliminate a racial motive.

AA misfires

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Princess stars

The Princess of Wales will be guest of honour today at the Annual Council of Fashion Designers of America ceremony at New York's Lincoln Centre — the Oscars of the US fashion industry.

Doctors' helpline

The first 24-hour helpline for doctors who feel worse than their patients is launched today. The national helpline will be manned by more than a hundred volunteer GPs and psychiatrists.

Murder charge

A man was charged with murder after an incident in which a pedestrian hurt in an accident in Leeds was allegedly struck and killed by a second car. The man, 27, will face Leeds magistrates today.

Armed muggers

A man aged 51 was stable in hospital after being shot in the back by five muggers in Abbey Wood, southeast London, as he returned home early yesterday. Police said he had refused to handover his wallet.

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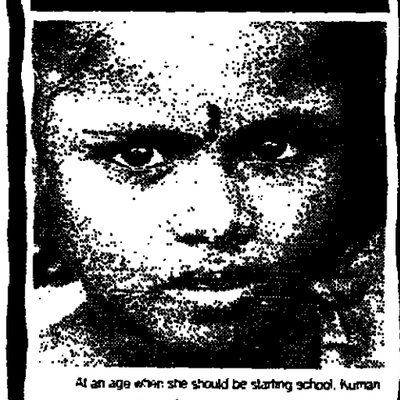

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Empowerment: The key to a better future for the third world's lost generation

ACCORDING to the latest UN figures, an estimated 200 million children in the developing world are being forced to work long hours in appalling conditions simply to survive.

In parts of Southern India, children as young as five work for up to 18 hours a day performing the kind of tasks not seen in the developed world since the industrial revolution.

Meanwhile, in the debt-ridden nations of Africa, primary school enrolment is falling as state funds for education dry up and more children are forced to work in the fields to augment their parents' meagre farming incomes.

The problem of child labour takes many forms and has many causes, yet the results are depressingly similar.

Exhausted by their mid-teens and deprived of the chance of a useful education, the only hope for many of these young people is to marry and raise children who will, in turn, be forced into working to provide for them.

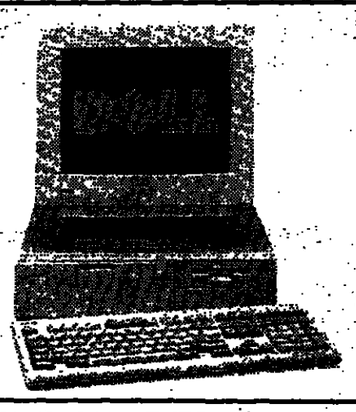
However, by empowering local people to create alternative sources of income and by addressing other causes of poverty, the UK-based development charity ACTIONAID is succeeding in helping children in the developing world to enjoy the kind of childhood their parents' generation was denied.

In India and Nepal, vocational training is enabling working children to develop new skills and earn better wages. In Kenya, the development of wells, earth dams and springs has relieved children of the burden of walking up to 20km to collect water, enabling many of them to attend school for the first time.

Funding for these and other projects comes largely from ACTIONAID's programme of child sponsorship, through which supporters agree to sponsor a child and their community with a small monthly donation. Some ninety per cent of the funds raised in this way are spent directly on development work.

A non-sectarian and non-partisan charity, ACTIONAID currently operates in 20 countries in three continents. Ever since its foundation 22 years ago, its philosophy has been one of helping people to achieve self-sufficiency through long-term projects undertaken in partnership with local communities.

"We work with poor communities for ten or even twenty years", says Salil Shetty, ACTIONAID's country director in India, "for as long as it takes to make real and lasting change. Thinking long term, even in a crisis, sows the seeds for a better future by tackling the root causes of poverty".



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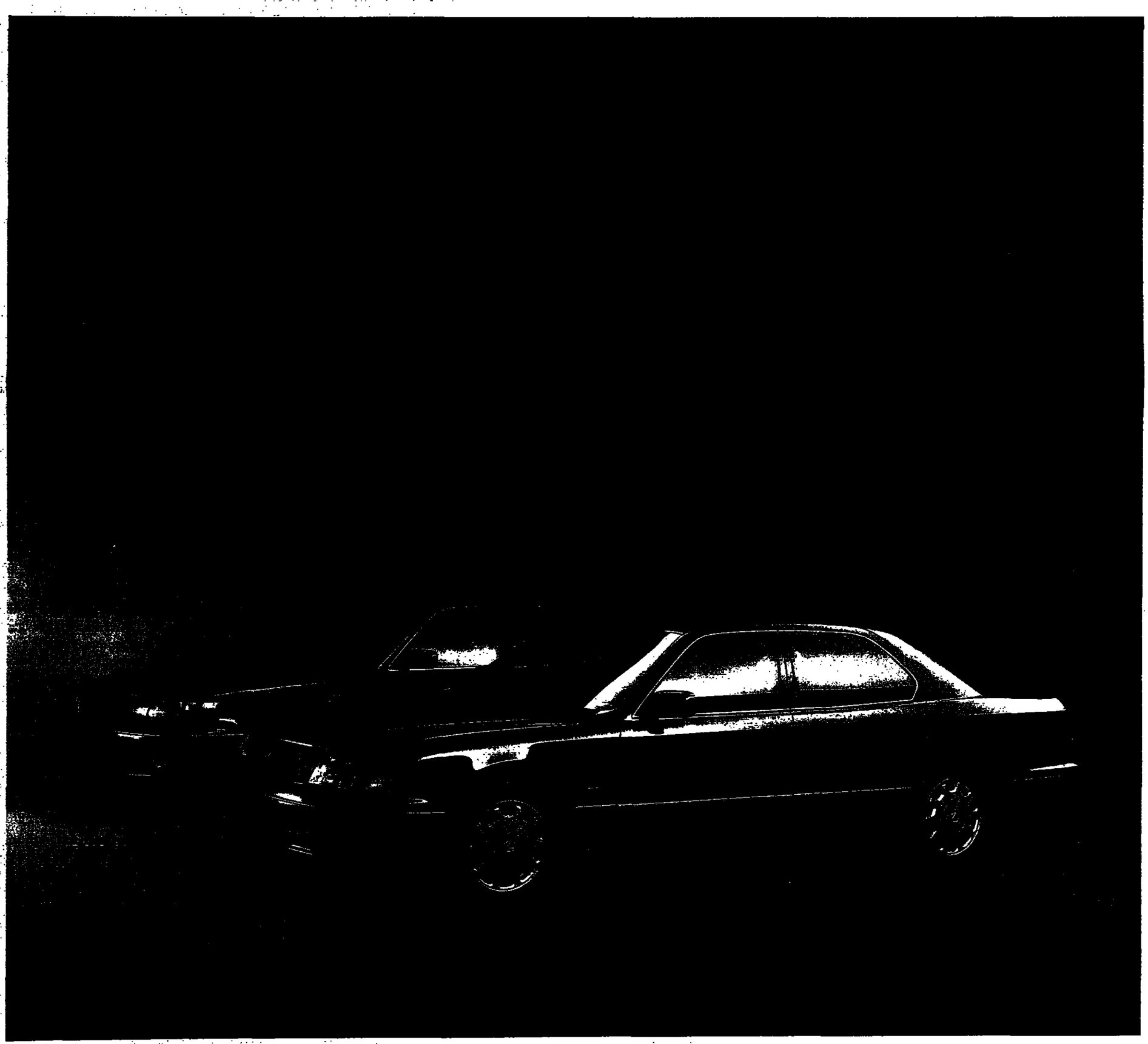

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Hail the quangocracy, bane of interfering politicians

The critics of quangocracy are seeking to destroy new forms of accountability only to return to discredited ones, ***Daniel Finkelstein*** *says*

BRITAIN is not in the grip of a dangerous "quangocracy". It is in the grip of a dangerous quangocracy myth. Over the past year it has become a political commonplace that we are being governed by an unelected state, dominated by unaccountable quangos — "Quasi Autonomous Non-Governmental Organisations". The arguments that support this idea are not only untrue: they are, in each case, the opposite of the truth. Yet the new myth still threatens to derail the most valuable public reform service programme this century.

The critics begin by arguing that public service reform has gone too far. It has involved the wholesale transfer of powers from accountable public bodies to unaccountable ones. Yet the truth is quite to the contrary — the real accountability issue is that reform has not gone far enough.

There are two elements in the critics' error. The first is a confusion of a variety of quite different new bodies. "Next Steps" agencies, advisory bodies, purchasing authorities and public service providers have been lumped together and called quangos. But the accountability issues involved

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in each are very different. The fuss over Next Steps agencies — sections of the civil service which have become semi-independent executive agencies — and advisory bodies can be dismissed quickly. Both are ways of organising the civil service to ensure ministers are properly advised and Parliament's instructions properly executed. The Secretary of State remains responsible for both. In the case of agencies, accountability has been improved by appointing named chief executives and setting performance targets. This increase in transparency should be encouraged.

The question of purchasers and providers is more complicated. Here the critics make their second error — the failure to understand that there is more than one way to call a body to account. The traditional method is through questions addressed to ministers, complaints about services, and the lobbying of Parliament. But in a massive monopolistic organisation with thousands of employees this method is hardly likely to produce satisfactory results.

Consider Aneurin Bevan's explanation of the principle behind the organisation of the NHS. "I want," he said, "to be able to hear the clatter of the bedpan on the hospital ward, in the office of the Minister." By stating this idea so clearly Bevan showed how ridiculous it is. One cannot hear the clatter of the bedpan in the next ward, let alone Whitehall.

A better principle is needed, and "exit accountability" provides it. This principle disposes of the fiction that distant politicians can control detailed public service provision. In its place, this form of accountability puts the right of the consumer. By taking their custom away from a bad provider and giving it to a good one the customer calls the provider to account. This obviously requires services to be organised differently. Providers must be given independence to innovate, to expand and to go bust. If this independence is threatened, so is the whole idea of exit accountability. The quangocracy critics are seeking to destroy new forms of accountability in order to return to discredited ones. The attack on trust hospitals and grant maintained schools is the naked assertion of interfering politicians over the consumer.

The critics would be better employed urging the Government to press on with its changes. Independence needs to be extended and the rights of purchasers strengthened. It is also vital that purchasing is devolved to the individual. In education this requires some form of voucher system. In health the role of GP fundholders must be increased and that of the District Health Authorities diminished. This constructive agenda does not interest the critics. They are more concerned with promoting the idea that local government should be the strategic purchaser of public services. Once again they are heading in the wrong direction. Local government is part of the accountability problem rather than part of the solution. Britain is a unitary state. Very few people would accept that there should be wildly different standards of health provision in Lambeth and Wandsworth. This is why we have not just a health service, but a National Health Service. The supporters of local government believe that health provision in Lambeth should be accountable to the council rather than to Parliament through a district health authority. This is completely unacceptable. Health provision in Lambeth will largely be paid for by the residents of other boroughs. The Secretary of State must be accountable to those residents for the way the money is spent.

This argument, of course, applies with equal force to the services already run by councils. It is the justification for capping and other central government interventions, such as compulsory competitive tendering. There is a massive task awaiting someone brave enough to tackle the mess of local government financing. The answer may well be an increase in local freedom. But it will almost certainly involve a reduction in local council functions.

However, much of the quango battle is being fought not on the high ground of constitutional theory but the low ground of accusations about "sleaze". The Conservatives are charged with rewarding activists and benefactors with prestigious appointments to Scunthorpe Health Authority. This "patronage state" is subverting democracy.

The critics suggest that the political opinion of appointees to any public body should be irrelevant. They are wrong. There are many bodies where the political opinions of the membership matter a great deal. These bodies are not simply executive arms of government, but devolved political decision makers.

There is no such person as the neutral individual. There are only those whose political opinions are unknown. Stuffing public bodies with members of the Grimond and Bonham-Carter families does not mysteriously elevate them above politics. It simply makes them subject to a very predictable post-war liberal consensus.

If the Secretary of State is to be responsible in Parliament for the choices and decisions made by non-departmental bodies it is perfectly reasonable for him to appoint those who share his opinions. It may not, of course, always be wise. There may be a strong case for someone with particular expertise. There may also often be a case for political balance, which is very different from neutrality. However, on the whole, one might expect a Secretary of State to trust choices made on his behalf to those who broadly agree over the direction of the service. Indeed one ought not merely to expect such appointments, one ought to demand them, for it will then be much easier to call the minister to account for the way the bodies act.

The Nolan committee, itself a quango, and balanced rather than neutral, has begun an examination of public bodies. There are many worthwhile changes it could suggest. There is a clear need for greater openness and more information. There is certainly a need for a register of the interests of appointees and some sensible rules to govern them.

It is, however, fervently to be hoped that the committee does not succumb to the temptation of an hysterical attack on quangocracy. The new model of public service accountability needs time to succeed.

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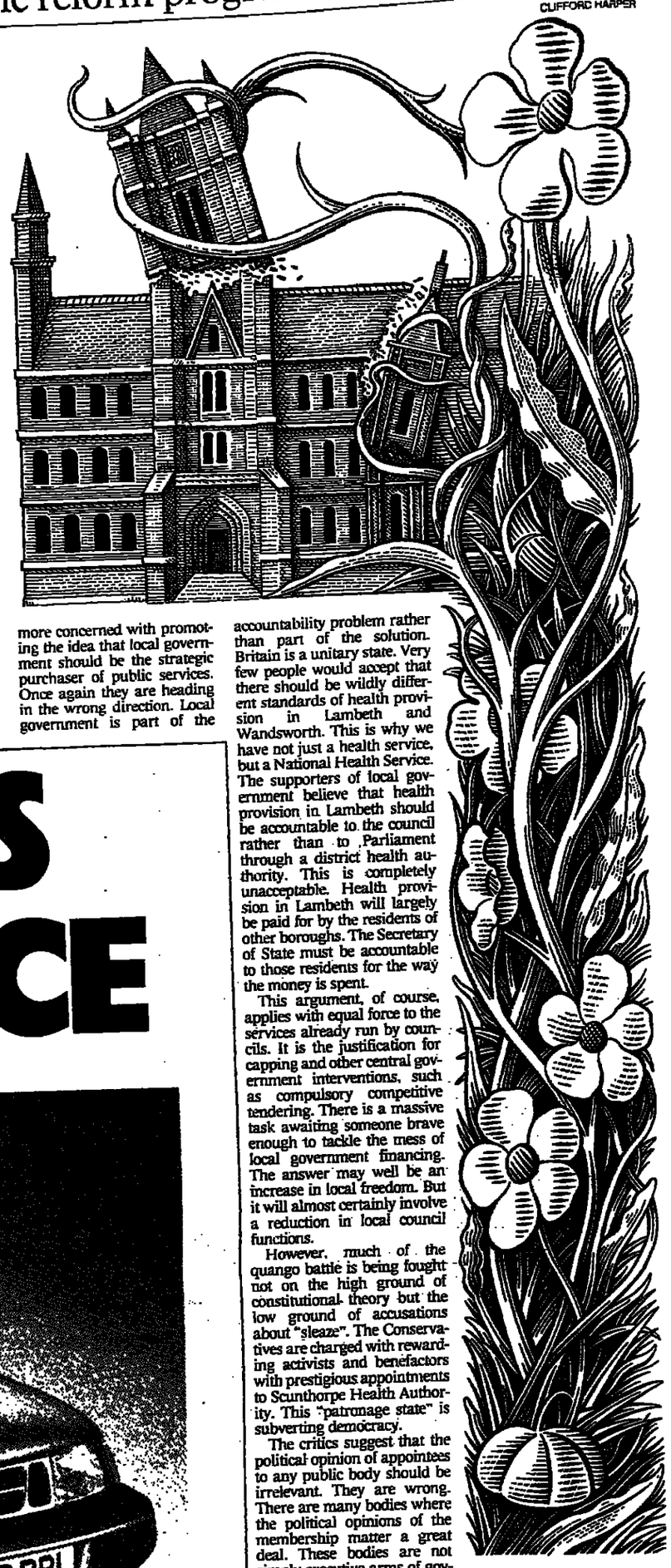

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QUANGOS AT A GLANCE

■ The term Quango originated in America. It stands for Quasi Autonomous Non-Governmental Organisation and refers to private organisations contracted to perform certain functions.

■ The exact definition of a British quango is shrouded in confusion. After publication of a report by Sir Leo Pliatzky in 1980, the Government dropped use of the word quango in favour of the term "Non-Departmental Public Bodies".

■ Jack Straw, the Shadow Environment Secretary, has claimed that £54.4 billion is spent by what he terms "the Unelected State". £39 billion of this is accounted for by the new devolved power structures in education and health service delivery. The secretaries of state for health and education are fully accountable to Parliament for this expenditure.

■ Expenditure through non-departmental public bodies was £12.06 billion in 1992-93. Using the most conservative figures this is 14 per cent less than the equivalent real cost in 1979. Suggestions that spending on so-called quangos has risen are substantiated only by including Next Steps Agencies.

■ In 1979 there were approximately 3,068 of what were then called quangos and in 1993 there were no more than 2,018, a fall of almost 35 per cent.

■ Executive non-departmental public bodies, which account for over 98 per cent of all public spending in this area, publish annual reports and accounts and are subject to full audit or inspection by the National Audit Office. Activities of all non-departmental bodies are subject to scrutiny by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee.

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Film company stages international comeback for girls who were every teacher's nightmare

Wildcats of St Trinian's prepare for another class war

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A poster and a scene from *The Pure Hell of St Trinian's*, made in 1961. The original films, starring Joyce Grenfell, top, and Alastair Sim, above, were enormously popular

THE fiendish schoolgirls of St Trinian's, immortalised in the cartoons of Ronald Searle, are to be resurrected in an animated feature film based on the artist's original drawings.

A Canadian film and television company, Nelvana, has bought the rights to Searle's drawings and is planning to make a 26-part television cartoon series based on the characters who were every teacher's nightmare.

David Ferguson, Nelvana's director of co-production, said that, in addition to the cartoons, he was planning remakes of the hugely successful St Trinian's comedy films of the Fifties and Sixties. The company is also in discussion with two ITV companies about a St Trinian's series for children's television, to be screened in 1996.

The actor Robbie Coltrane has been tipped to take the role of the school headmistress, played by Alastair Sim in drag in the original films. Mr Ferguson said that having acquired the St Trinian's "franchise", Nelvana was now planning to market the concept around the world. "Although much of the humour seems quintessentially English, I think it could appeal in other countries. Much of it is slapstick and that would go down very well in France, for example," he said. Mr Ferguson, whose Toronto-based company specialises in creative co-production deals that enable films and programmes to be sold internationally, said that English humour travelled well when it was based on old-fashioned stereotypes. "The things that do best internationally are the ones that play upon Englishness, like *Yes, Prime Minister*," he said.

Nelvana, which is one of the biggest suppliers of children's programmes to the US television networks, is also considering updating the St Trinian's setting to modern-day England. "You could have the same kind of girls and teachers in a modern setting. It could even allow for more comedy because the way they behave is so contrary to modern life," Mr Ferguson added. The company has also acquired the rights to the Thelwell cartoons of fat little girls on ponies, which it is also planning to make into an animated cartoon series for television. The original St Trinian's films, starring Joyce Grenfell, Alastair Sim and George Cole, were among the most popular English comedies of their time. The thoroughly horrid pupils were adept at distilling gin in the chemistry laboratory and cheating at games.

The scrapes the girls got into included kidnapping a racehorse, burning down a school, joining a harem and harbouring train robbers. The last of director Frank Launder's five St Trinian's films, *The Wildcats of St Trinian's*, was made in 1980.

The last attempt to revive *St Trinian's*-style humour ended in failure two years ago when the West End musical *Moby Dick, A Whale of a Tale*, described by its producer Cameron Mackintosh as a story of "salacious girls of good breeding" in a cross between the *Rocky Horror Show* and *St Trinian's*, closed within weeks.

Searle created the cartoon schoolgirl characters when he was held a prisoner of war by the Japanese in Changi jail in Singapore.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Before reading today's hand, consider these two suit combinations. How would you play

(I) Q x x x A J 9 x x

for no loser? Is

(II) Q x x x A J 9 x x x

any different? The hand below, from last week's Macallan Camrose trophy match between Wales and Northern Ireland is on this theme.

Dealer West — **Love all. IMPs**

	♠Q 8 7 4 ♥— ♦Q 3 ♣K J 10 9 7 6 5	
♠— ♥A K Q 9 8 7 6 5 ♦J 9 ♣4 3 2		♠K 10 2 ♥10 4 3 2 ♦10 7 6 5 2 ♣A
	♠A J 9 6 5 3 ♥J ♦A K 8 4 ♣Q 8	

W	N	E	S
Glub.	Anderson	Zaman	Greenwood
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass (1)	5♥ (2)	Pass	6♠
All pass			

Contract: 6♠ by South. Opening lead: ♥A

(1) Some players would double Four Spades. That is not for penalties in the tournament game — it merely says that West considers his hand a maximum for his pre-empt, and expresses the desire to compete further.

(2) Cue-bid.

North South got to a reasonable slam, although I suspect it is slightly less than the 50 per cent required to make it worth bidding. Although after the pre-emptive opening East is more likely than West to have the king of spades, there is the possibility that West might have had a singleton club.

Greenwood (Northern Ireland) ruffed the opening lead in dummy and led the queen of spades — the correct card when you have ten cards in the suit. You intend to finesse, and the advantage of playing the queen is that when East has all three missing trumps they can then be picked up. If the declarer had led low to the jack, East would have made a trump trick. But with only nine cards between the hands (combination I at the top of the column), it is correct to lead *low* towards the ace-jack, hoping for a 2-2 break but also catering for East having the singleton king.

The first round of spades went queen, king, ace, and the declarer subsequently entered dummy with a diamond ruff to play another spade, finessing against East's ten.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tipping the balance with bold attacks

WIN or lose, some players have the ability to unbalance the struggle in virtually every game they play, creating extraordinary complications and remarkable attacking and counter-attacking possibilities.

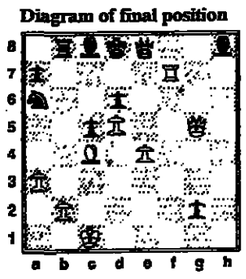
One such player is the Russian grandmaster Eduard Gufeld who, like Falstaff, is not only witty in himself, but the cause that wit is in other men. A case in point was his fiery clash with the English grandmaster Julian Hodgson, which was instrumental in deciding the leading prizes in the King's Head tournament, London, over the weekend.

White: Julian Hodgson
Black: Eduard Gufeld
King's Head Quick Play
January 1995

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	Ne4
3	h4	c5
4	d5	g6
5	Qd3	Nxg5
6	Oc3	f6
7	hxg5	Bg7
8	Nd2	d6
9	gxf6	exf6
10	Qg3	0-0
11	Qh4	h6
12	Qg3	g5
13	f4	Na6
14	a3	f5
15	0-0-0	Qf6
16	c3	b5
17	bxg5	hxg5
18	Nh3	b4
19	Nxg5	bxc3
20	Nh7	cxd2+
21	Rxd2	Qe5
22	Qg6	f4
23	g4	bg3
24	e4	Rb8
25	Nxf8	Kxf8
26	Bc4	g2
27	Rf2+	Ke7
28	Rf7+	Kd8
29	Rh8+	Bxh8
30	Qg8+	Qe8
31	Qg5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Wijk aan Zee

The Russian grandmaster Alexei Dreev has won the Wijk aan Zee tournament in northern Holland, scoring one win and three draws in the final against his compatriot and fellow grandmaster Evgeny Bareev.

In the second section Britain's Michael Adams and Nigel Short share fourth position behind Tiviakov, Hulak and Sokolov.

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Minister sidesteps decision on new runways

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THOUSANDS of homes near Heathrow and Gatwick will have potential blight lifted this week when the Government announces that no major runway will be built at either airport.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, plans to tell the Commons on Thursday that the existing airport infrastructure in southern England can cope with potential growth in traffic in the immediate future. He will, however, announce another study into ways in which more jets can use the existing airports.

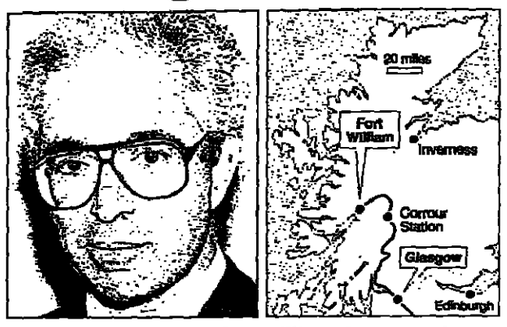
For five years a committee has been considering potential sites for a new runway to meet the need of airlines over the coming decades. The committee suggested a series of options to ease future congestion but made no specific recommendation.

No minister is prepared to take on the rising tide of environmental protest groups in the run-up to an election. Dr Mawhinney has therefore found a neat way out by suggesting more studies into what are known as "reliever" airports, such as Northolt and Redhill, as well as the potential building of runways close to the existing one at Gatwick to enable quiet short-haul commuter-style aircraft to land there.

Lords balk at prospect of 500-mile drive to work

Rail rebellion looms over loss of Highland sleeper

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH



Salmon: closing the Fort William sleeper service. There are also fears for the Inverness sleeper

THE Government is facing a revolt among Scottish peers and lairds, including Alan Clark, the former defence minister, over the decision to axe the sleeper to Fort William in the Highlands and the Scottish Motorail service.

The sleeper — known as the *Deer Stalker Express* — is heavily used by Scottish members of the House of Lords, who can reclaim the £266 first class return fare. However, it has been running at a loss and is earmarked for closure, in the spring, before privatisation by Roger Salmon, the rail passenger franchise director.

Noble users of the overnight service, which carries 20,000 passengers a year on one of the most romantic train journeys in Europe, are faced with a 500-mile drive from London or the three-hour day train service from Glasgow.

Estate owners from Argyll to Sutherland are joining ranks with local campaigners in an attempt to save the historic service, which opened in 1901 and is one of the last elements of the Edwardian country-house lifestyle.

Lord Rankeillour, the Tory peer and Rear Commodore of the House of Lords Yacht Club, who has an estate near Fort William, has tabled a written question for the Government, asking "what they consider the effect will be on West Highland business . . . of their decision to withdraw their subsidy from the sleeper and Motorail services between Fort William and Euston".

Other peers are considering their transport options once the sleeper has gone. Lord Craigmyle, the owner of an 18th century manor house on the isolated Knoydart peninsula, said he would even consider chartering a helicopter from Glasgow airport at £1,000 per return journey rather than make the two-day drive from London.

"You could land it on the front lawn and if there's five of you it would not work out much more expensive than the train," he said.

Lord Craigmyle added that the closure of the service in the summer would be a "disaster" for the tourist trade and the economy of the West Highlands. Another Scottish peer who regularly uses the line to attend the Lords said the proposed closure was "absolutely dreadful". He said he would probably still use the day service "but I shall have to go sitting up".

Lord Gainford, a Tory peer who has friends and family in the Highlands and who frequently uses the sleeper, also predicted problems for the West Highland economy if the service was closed. "It is so vital for people. I have been so grateful in past years for getting a good night's sleep and getting out at the other end feeling refreshed."

Mr Clark, who owns a 27,000-acre estate and harbour in Sutherland, and who is a frequent user of the Scottish Motorail service, condemned the decision to axe Highland services as "sheer idiocy".

He added: "You can drive from London to Fort William or Inverness in a day but you are absolutely exhausted the following day. You just totter about gasping. It is so much more restful to go by train, particularly in the summer when the roads are congested or in the winter when driving can be dangerous."

Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Lieutenant Commander Lachlan Ronald Duncan, chief of the clan Mackintosh and Lord Lieutenant of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey, said he feared the Inverness sleeper might also soon be under threat and is leading a delegation to London about the future of the service. He said there would be "an outcry" if it were to go.

☐ Two trains are to be sent from Glasgow to Derby by road because it works out cheaper than sending them by rail. The trains were damaged by heavy flooding in December and ScotRail and the Derby repair company, ABB, found it cheaper to ship them south by road than by rail, a ScotRail spokesman confirmed yesterday.

He declined to portray the decision as an implied criticism of Railtrack for too-high track charges. "That is very much in the political arena, and not for me to comment on," he said.

Charles I: a lock of hair was cut off 164 years after his execution in 1649

Lock of hair from head of Charles I: a snip at £500

BY JOHN SHAW

A LOCK of dark brown hair from the head of Charles I, executed 346 years ago today, is likely to fetch about £500 at auction in London. The potent fragment of royalism belongs to a descendant of Hans Busk (1815-1882), the eldest son of a Welsh landowner. The owner, who wishes to remain anonymous, says the money will help pay for the education of his grand-daughter.

Busk, a collector and notable personality in his day, received the curl from Sir Henry Halford, physician to the Prince Regent, later George IV. He acquired it when the Prince Regent authorised opening the vault of St George's Chapel at Windsor in 1813 following a blunder by workmen. They had accidently broken through the wall of the vault during the construction of the tomb of George III. The Prince Regent saw an opportunity to verify historical details about Charles I's burial and when the tomb was opened Halford removed a portion of the King's hair from his right temple and beard. Charles I was beheaded in 1649. His head was later stitched back on and his body embalmed. It was still well preserved when Halford described it in gruesome detail almost 170 years later.

Hair from the king's temple and beard

"The forehead and temples had lost little or nothing of their muscular substances," he wrote. "The cartilage of the nose was gone; but the left eye, in the moment of exposure, was open and full though it vanished almost immediately; and the pointed beard, so characteristic of the period of the reign of King Charles, was perfect."

The relic will be sold at Bonhams in Knightsbridge on April 6. The estimate is likely to be exceeded, given the track record of other snips of famous hair at auction. A lock from the head of the First World War poet Rupert Brooke sold for £1,300 earlier this month and a twist of Lord Byron's "brownish-fair" hair, given to a friend at Harrow, made £4,620 at Bonhams in 1992.

Gangs endanger badger colonies

BADGER colonies across the country face extinction at the hands of night hunters using guns, dogs and high-powered lights, according to police and animal protection groups (Stewart Tendler writes).

In Kent, a gang killed 24 badgers despite operations by police and the RSPCA. On the Welsh borders and in Yorkshire, badger protection groups believe gangs are devastating badger populations. They are also concerned that hunters called to exterminate other quarry such as foxes are indiscriminately shooting badgers as well.

Last week, in North Wales, police brought what experts believe is the first successful prosecution against a practice known as "lamping". Stephen Dyson, a 30-year-old Welsh international clay pigeon marksman, was ordered to pay £1,125 in fines and costs by Llangollen magistrates for shooting a badger.

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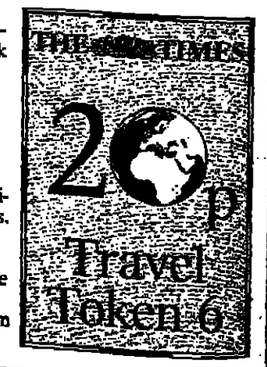

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Fini cuts link with Fascism in bid for respectability

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Italian "post-Fascist" leader, Gianfranco Fini, ended a colourful congress of his National Alliance party yesterday after dissolving its main component, the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI), in what was presented as an attempt to distance his movement from Il Duce's Fascism.

About 1,600 delegates approved, with a lone vote against, a founding charter that claimed the National Alliance is committed to "freedom, justice and democracy and opposed to all forms of racism and totalitarianism". Signor Fini, 43, told a cheering throng in a marquee made of black canvas: "The post-war period is over. There is no nostalgia here. Those with nostalgia are those who want to deny the evidence. Nobody ever will be able to say that the right is synonymous with nostalgia."

A group of 100 hardliners led by Pino Rauti, a diehard neo-Fascist, declined to support the change of name and opted to form a breakaway group they hoped would retain the name MSI.

As usual, however, Signor Fini stopped short of actually denouncing Fascism as an error in his various speeches to the congress in the spa town of Fiuggi. Commentators said the relative ease and alacrity with which the MSI was laid to rest called into question whether it was anything other than a cynical, cosmetic operation designed to increase the respectability of latter-day disciples of Mussolini without any real ideological change.

Il Messaggero said the nearly painless congress was a far cry from the birth pangs suffered by the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) after its leadership decided in 1989 to change the name from the old Italian Communist Party and ditch Marxism as an error.

Nevertheless the Rome newspaper said that part of the alliance statute that recognised the value of post-war anti-Fascism as essential for the return to democracy was "at first sight the recognition of a historic and ideological discontinuity of great significance". It said in little more than two years Signor Fini had passed from being a sort of lesser Le Pen to an indefinite form of neo-Gaullist.

For the first time in post-war history the former communist PDS sent an official representative — Ugo Pecchioli, a former communist partisan — to the National Alliance congress. The PDS leadership generally finds Signor Fini more acceptable than his ally, the media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, and his Forza Italia party, because the MSI traditionally has been anti-market compared to the free market philosophy Signor Berlusconi claims to support.

Also present at the congress was Rocco Buttiglione, the leader of the Italian Popular Party (PPI), as the Christian Democrats now call themselves, who Signor Fini hopes to persuade to form a centre-right alliance.

Signor Buttiglione was whistled at and jeered by delegates in Fiuggi but is known to be tempted to form an alliance with Signor Fini, a prospect that would have the blessing of conservatives in the Italy's Catholic Church hierarchy. However, Signor Buttiglione is aware that the majority of his party rank and file and other leaders would prefer to ally themselves with the PDS and the devolutionist Northern League.

The National Alliance is impatient for a formula to regain power after it lost its five ministerial posts when Signor Berlusconi resigned last month after being placed under investigation for suspected corruption.

Signor Fini claimed the year-old National Alliance would not stand in the way of the new Government of technocrats led by Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister, but reiterated his diktat that the administration should resign once it had accomplished limited tasks "in a very short period".

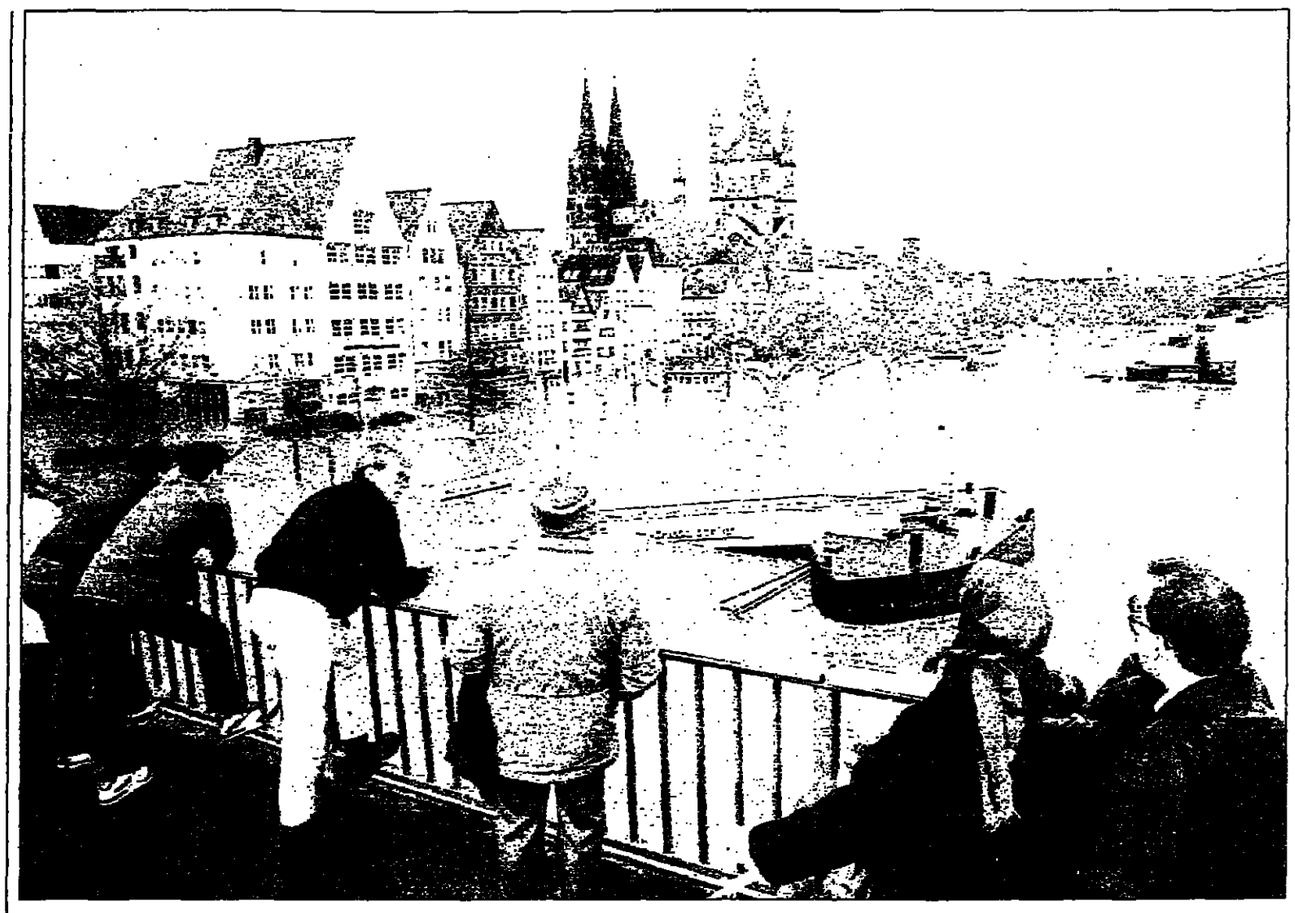
He said he expected to make gains in regional elections to be held in June and a general election that he and Signor Berlusconi want to contest as soon as possible.

"The National Alliance has been baptised here. It will only be blessed by our people at the first elections Italians are allowed," Signor Fini said.

The Alliance includes several right-wing survivors of the old Christian Democrat Party that was also dissolved because of its involvement in numerous corruption scandals. It won 13.5 per cent of votes at the March election.

One opinion poll published on Friday put the Alliance's current support at 17.5 per cent. Others have shown Signor Fini to be more popular than Signor Berlusconi.

Gianfranco Fini, leader of the National Alliance, addresses the party congress in Fiuggi yesterday



This was the scene in central Cologne at the weekend after the Rhine rose to a near-record 30ft, while elsewhere in Germany two people drowned in floodwaters (Our Foreign Staff write). Vast swaths of France were under water last night after a week of fierce gales and torrential rain that have left at least 15 people dead. In the northern port of Ouistreham, near Caen, a 46-year-old man was found drowned in his garage yesterday after he returned home in spite of warnings to stay on higher ground. Dozens of towns and villages have been evacuated in eastern and western France. In Paris, the Seine reached 15ft, blocking riverside roads and making it impossible for boats to pass under the bridges. Large-scale evacuations were under way in The Netherlands. By yesterday morning more than 6,500 people had been evacuated from towns and villages along a 56-mile stretch of the river Maas in the province of Limburg. More than a thousand troops were brought in to help build up river defences, while police closed roads to let emergency heavy digging equipment into the area. Three people died in accidents caused by severe flooding in southern Belgium and with, more rain forecast, flood levels on the River Meuse could exceed those of 1993.

Up to 20 feared drowned as floods and gales sweep northern Europe

Dudayev threatens to spread fighting

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW yesterday tried to brush off a threat by General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen leader, that he would extend the conflict from his breakaway republic to Russian cities.

As heavy fighting continued in Grozny, the Chechen leader demanded that hostilities cease by March and that peace talks be started with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister.

General Dudayev gave his most explicit warning yet that if this did not happen, he would take the fight into neighbouring regions of the Caucasus and into Russia. "Given the present situation and our experience it will not be difficult to burn towns. Neither tanks nor planes will be needed," said the former Soviet air force general.

"No tanks are capable of saving Moscow," he told the Interfax agency. "Beyond Moscow there are also the North Caucasus, Krasnodar, Stavropol and Astrakhan regions." His outburst may have been provoked by repeated statements from the Kremlin that it will not negotiate with General Dudayev and the announcement on Friday by Alexei Ilyushenko, the acting Russian Prosecutor-General, that the authorities have begun criminal proceedings against the rebel leader and his supporters.

The Russian Government said in statement yesterday: "One gathers the impression that Dudayev has completely lost a sense of reality while illusions, which he still entertains, are melting away like spring snow in the foothills of the Caucasus."

The Chechens appear to have the weapons, men and training to carry out their threat, as well as a network of Chechen communities in every large Russian city, some of them with close ties to the underworld.

Women protest, page 15

War on civilians forces Chechens to take up arms

*As the Russians carry the war against the Chechens into the countryside, **Anthony Loyd** in Salji counts the human cost of air attacks*

IN THE stinking Chechen hospital at Salji, south of Grozny, there are many faces of President Yeltsin's war: the burned, the blind, the maimed and the disabled. It was here that the villagers brought two sisters, through the corridors slippery with water, used bandages and human fluids.

Four-year-old Marika was missing the lower part of her back and buttocks. She was still alive, just, and her pale, doll-like form lay motionless face down on a table as a doctor removed large pieces of metal from her ragged wound. Her sister Miralya, five, wept noiselessly at one end of the table, seated on the knee of a neighbour. She had a head wound, and blood formed a cobweb mask covering her face. Blood from her wound mixed with her tears and ran in scarlet streaks from the corner of each eye.

> "There are many ways to destroy a bridge. Dropping bombs on women and children is not one of them"

We had seen the Russian jet that had done this. It had *swooped low above us, not* more than a hundred feet, after completing its mission. The success of this mission was to become more apparent as the day progressed. By the time we reached Salji the two sisters had already arrived, driven for 45 minutes across the pitted mountain tracks from their devastated home by villagers from Mahketi.

"Every day now, it is like this," Daud Basaev, the surgeon, said. "They bring us casualties from the bombing in the mountains. We don't have drugs or facilities to treat them any more."

The situation was confused, and neither the villagers who had brought them in nor the overburdened hospital staff appeared to know what had become of the sisters' family. A local man agreed to act as a guide, and we set out to the hills, where we found them.

Their house was an isolated farm building a mile outside Mahketi. It had the misfortune to overlook a decrepit bridge over a mountain stream. The bridge was still standing. Nothing else was: 500lb bombs had turned the earth black and transformed the site into a lunar landscape of charred domestic junk. Part of a car hung in a treetop near by. The village had been raked with cannon fire.

The girls' family, their two sisters, brother and mother, were in Mahketi. They were laid out on a bed in bundles, none of which was bigger than a supermarket bag.

The village elders had gathered outside the house containing the bodies. They were serene, silent, and deeply angry. They may not have hated the Russians before. They hated them now.

There are many ways to destroy a bridge that is 15ft long and made of wooden posts and corrugated iron. Dropping 500lb bombs and machinegunning the nearest women and children is not one of them, unless one wishes to terrorise a population.

This war *did not* begin as a war against a people, but that is what it is becoming. As the civilian death toll far outstrips that of the combatants, those Chechens that have as yet not made a choice are now realising that they shall suffer whether they are fighters or not. So they see little choice but to fight.

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Dark horse joins ranks of leaders-in-waiting as end of era mood pervades Peking

Shadow of titan Deng dwarfs his would-be heirs

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE attempt by Deng Rong, Deng Xiaoping's daughter, to "clarify" her remarks about the declining health of China's senior leader has done little to dampen feverish speculation about who will succeed him.

Over the weekend Ms Deng denied that she had told *The New York Times* that her father could neither stand nor walk, or that he was ageing "day by day". But she admitted: "I may not have expressed myself clearly." The newspaper yesterday stood by its interview.

Also during the weekend, Jiang Zemin, the President, and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, visited Mr Deng to bring him Chinese new year greetings. Although the official bulletin said nothing about Mr Deng's health, it reported a lengthy comment from Mr Deng, who for more than a year has been virtually incoherent, that Mr Jiang was now China's "core leader" and that "building socialism with Chinese characteristics" would continue.

It is significant that the visit was not shown on television. A recently released picture, taken of Mr Deng in October, showed him to be very feeble. Mr Deng has been a political titan, and there is a strong end-of-era feeling in Peking. It will soon fall to Mr Jiang and Mr Li to pick up the reins of power. But a "dark horse" is emerging to challenge them, in the powerful form of Qiao Shi, the former secret police chief who is now chairman of the pivotal standing committee of the National People's Congress.

Mr Deng is a short, square-faced man with a strong physical presence, a man who trudged across China on the Long March, confronted Mao during the aftermath of the ruinous Great Leap Forward and at the start of the Cultural Revolution, and returned from political wilderness to open China's doors to the outside world in 1979.

Mr Deng is also the man who suppressed the students at Tiananmen Square. Yet in 1992 he set China on its present course of dramatic economic expansion and growing prosperity. Some kind of power struggle over this legacy is inevitable. There could even be a settling of accounts over the bloody massacre of hundreds of people on the night of June 4, 1989, with demonstrations by at least some students and workers. The authorities are certainly braced for trouble: on December 23, a bomb exploded on a bus in Wangfujing, Peking's main shopping street near Tiananmen Square, killing one man. Within minutes the area was swarming with police and security men, who appeared almost from nowhere. Central Peking is a virtual armed camp, with 2,000 troops inside the leadership compound at Zhongnanhai within the high vermillion walls of the Forbidden City, while others wait at a barracks of the People's Armed Police, an internal security force, adjoining Tiananmen.

However, serious public demonstrations are unlikely, given the ruthlessness of the authorities in putting them down. "The general attitude is 'mind your own business, keep out of politics and stick to making money in the booming economy'," one academic said.

> "Whoever is finally chosen as the core leader, the campaign to build 'socialism with Chinese characteristics' will continue"

Most political dissidents are in exile, in prison or labour camps or under house arrest, or lying low. The most serious threat Mr Deng's successors have to deal with is social and economic unrest: there is inflation, corruption, growing disparity between rich and poor, unemployment and rising crime. "None of these problems is being tackled, as the leadership-in-waiting is in limbo over Deng's approaching demise," one senior diplomat said.

Despite the fact that Mr Deng ordered the army into Tiananmen, he is popular with the mass of Chinese for improving their lives through the abandonment of state-centred Marxist economic policies. None of his potential successors even remotely matches his stature.

Mr Jiang, 68, a tubby, uncharismatic man who wears large spectacles, was Mr Deng's third choice as successor after former party chiefs Hu Yaobang, who was dismissed for being too liberal and later died, and Zhao Ziyang, who was purged after he tearfully went to meet the students in Tiananmen shortly before the crackdown.

Mr Jiang has built up his support by army promotions — he is also chairman of the key military affairs commission — and by placing cronies from his former political base in Shanghai into top positions. He lacks vision, but has the advantage of not being tainted with the Tiananmen slaughter being party chief in Shanghai at the time.

Efforts are being made to boost the authority of this fairly uninspiring figure by revealing that he likes to recite the Gettysburg Address and croon 1940s American ballads. Recent articles in the *People's Daily* have called on people to "rally round President and party secretary Jiang Zemin".

Mr Jiang may turn out to be a stopgap figure. His chief rival is Mr Li, who backed the declaration of martial law before the Tiananmen crackdown. He is unpopular, despite the fact he is the adopted son of Zhou Enlai, the revered former Prime Minister. Mr Li, 66, a dour and charmless figure, suffered a heart attack in 1993 and doctors are always in attendance even when he visits projects in Peking, diplomats say.

What both these men fear is, in Chinese Communist parlance, a "reversal of the verdicts", a political reassessment of Tiananmen after Mr Deng's passing. Mr Deng's family fears he may be made a scapegoat for Tiananmen after he dies.

Under the "reversal of the verdict" it could be decreed that the Tiananmen pro-democracy protest was not, after all, a counter-revolutionary movement. This would lead to Mr Li's position becoming untenable, despite the protection he has from other elderly conservative leaders such as Chen Yun, 90, China's economic supremo. "If they repudiate Tiananmen, Li Peng has to go," said one Western diplomat.

A reassessment of Mr Deng and Tiananmen could bring about the political rehabilitation of Zhao Ziyang. Mr Zhao, 76, a liberal reformer, was accused by hardliners of splitting the party and supporting pro-democracy protesters. If none of these figures dominates the collective leadership which emerges after Mr Deng, the Communist Party "immortals" — the senior apparatchiks now in their late 80s and early 90s, who still hold immense power behind the scenes — could turn to the venerable Yang Shangkun, 87, a former President, for stability and continuity. Like Mr Deng he was a Long Marcher, and is a powerbroker who helped Deng suppress the Tiananmen demonstrations by guaranteeing the support of the Chinese Army. Mr Yang was sidelined by Mr Deng in 1992 when his ambitions became too blatant. But he is in apparent good health, despite his age, and is still respected by the army.

Then there is the "dark horse" in the race: Qiao Shi, 70, chairman of China's rubber-stamp parliament and former head of the secret police. Mr Qiao is believed to have abstained in a key vote on the proclamation of martial law in the violent summer of 1989.

Like the late Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, to whom he has often been compared, Mr Qiao is seen as a liberal reformer whose background in the security services gives him special insight into the kind of "safety valve" reforms China needs to avoid social and political upheaval.

Mr Qiao, a natty dresser, also has something the lacklustre Mr Jiang and Mr Li lack — a powerful presence and an outgoing personality. Like Mr Yang, Mr Qiao has often visited the southern economic zones to support reform.

Last week Mr Qiao failed to attend a meeting on corruption addressed by Mr Jiang; it later emerged that he had been on an "inspection tour" of Shanghai, urging managers to "be bold" and "not keep looking over your shoulder".

If he did emerge as leader after Mr Deng, the question is whether Mr Qiao would be any more successful than Andropov was in solving the conundrum which faces all Communist reformers: namely how to loosen economic controls and allow the free exchange of ideas while at the same time retaining an authoritarian and centrally controlled political structure in the country.

Power in China may soon pass from the ailing Deng Xiaoping, left, to President Jiang Zemin, top, and Li Peng, middle, but Qiao Shi, bottom, the "dark horse", is preparing to challenge the leading candidates

US talks fail on Chinese piracy

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TALKS intended to halt the piracy of American computer software, films and music in China, which may lead to Washington imposing trade sanctions, ended in failure yesterday.

Mickey Kantor, the United States Trade Representative, said 100 per cent tariffs would be imposed on a wide range of Chinese goods worth up to $2 billion (£1.28 billion) if Peking did not meet America's demands by next Saturday. It is believed that the goods would include electronics, furniture, toys and clothing.

Mr Kantor invited the Chinese to continue talks in Washington this week, but insisted that the United States was not bluffing. "With this Administration it's been quite clear that we're willing to impose trade sanctions," he said.

The United States estimates that last year 29 factories in southern China produced 75 million pirated compact dics and laser discs, mostly for export, and that this counterfeiting is costing American businesses £641 million each year.

Mr Kantor said negotiators from Washington had been able to buy American computer software worth £6,410 for £64 in Peking, and that Chinese government ministries were using pirated American software "on a daily basis".

Two years ago China agreed to impose new laws banning the illegal copying of foreign products, but this legislation was never enforced.

Commenting on yesterday's negotiations, China's official Xinhua news agency said: "The US side constantly escalated their bargains, and when the talks were about to end, they raised many new issues ... which led to the failure of the talks."

☐ Rocket deaths: Six people were killed and 23 injured when China's Long March Rocket and Apstar-2 satellite exploded and crashed near the launch site in Xichang, western China, last week, the Xinhua agency said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dog patrols plan for West Bank border

Jerusalem: Israel is to deploy police dogs along its border with the occupied West Bank as part of an attempt to stop the wave of Islamic suicide attacks (Christopher Walker writes).

The decision was announced after thousands of Israelis attending a mass rally called on the Government to declare an immediate but temporary halt to the deadlocked talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Burma battles

Bangkok: Karen rebels and Burmese government troops fought skirmishes around Manerplaw, two days after the rebels were driven out of their headquarters for the first time in 21 years. *(Reuter)*

Minister quits

Budapest: Laszlo Bekesi, the Hungarian Finance Minister and architect of free-market reforms, has resigned amid growing tensions within the ruling Socialist Party over privatisation. *(Reuter)*

Rabbani blow

Islamabad: Jumbish-i-Milli, an Afghan faction opposed to President Rabbani, claimed its fighters had captured the strategic northern town of Kunduz, forcing the defenders to flee. *(Reuter)*

Fan killed

Genoa: An Italian football supporter was stabbed to death, leading to a fight between rival fans at the first division match between Genoa and AC Milan, which had to be abandoned. *(AFP)*

Ethnic deaths

Nairobi: At least 67 people were killed in an apparent new outbreak of ethnic killing north of Bujumbura, the Burundian capital. Local sources blamed the Tutsi-dominated army. *(Reuter)*

Mandela appoints new chief in police shake-up

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN PRETORIA

PRESIDENT MANDELA yesterday paved the way for a broad shake-up in the South African police force when he appointed a new police commissioner and four deputies to restore public confidence after the apartheid era.

General George Fivaz is to replace General Johan van der Merwe who retires as commissioner on March 31. A member of the former white minority regime, General van der Merwe had clashed with Mr Mandela and was under intense pressure to stand aside as the African National Congress led a drive to transform the police force.

Mr Mandela said he was confident that the relatively unknown General Fivaz, an Afrikans former Free State detective and later a member of the police efficiency team, would lead the process of transformation. General Fivaz, 49, said he and his four racially mixed deputies were committed to breaking with the past and pledged to reduce the spiralling crime rate, restore discipline and morale in the force and remove all forms of discrimination.

The new team faces a daunting task in their mission to transform a force demoralised by poor pay and conditions, high mortality rates and public mistrust over attempts by policemen to secure indemnity for apartheid crimes. More immediately, they must deal with the issue of racism which has been made more pressing after a black policeman was shot dead by white riot police in Soweto on Friday during an attempt to end a strike.

The latest racial clash within the force led several police stations in Soweto to shut down or go slow at the weekend in protest against the killing and to demand the removal of white officers. Jessie Duarte, the regional Security Minister, yesterday brokered an agreement for striking policemen to return to work today. It is feared, however, that the Soweto protests have just been put on hold and could spark action in other parts of the country.

There is also a showdown looming between Sydney Mufamadi, the national Minister for Safety and Security, and the Rev Celani Mtetwa, Inkatha's defiant Police Minister in KwaZulu/Natal.

In defiance of the national Government, Mr Mtetwa has pledged to press ahead with Friday's passing out parade of six hundred KwaZulu police recruits despite claims that there are suspected criminals, including murderers, among the graduates.

At the weekend Mr Mufamadi rejected a proposal from the provincial minister to allow the majority of graduates to pass out as planned while recruits implicated in crimes be held back.

☐ **Johannesburg:** Twelve miners were killed in clashes between rival factions at a workers' hostel at Vaal Reefs gold mine, near Orkney, in Gauteng Province. *(AFP)*

Waldheim: renewed interest in his war

Waldheim is left out

New York: The United Nations will not invite Kurt Waldheim, its former Secretary-General, to the organisation's 50th anniversary celebrations here this year, averting a new dispute over his wartime past (James Bone writes). He is banned from America because of his war record in Hitler's army, but the US would have been obliged to let him visit the UN headquarters here.

Diplomats lobby for Briton to take over as head of Unicef

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN is trying to wrest control of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) from the United States after the death at the weekend of the agency's American director.

British diplomats are lobbying for Richard Jolly, a British development economist and Unicef official, to succeed James Grant, who died of cancer on Saturday after 15 years as head of the agency.

Mr Jolly, Mr Grant's deputy, was named as acting executive director last Thursday when Mr Grant stood down. He will continue in that role until Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, chooses a permanent Unicef head in consultation with the 36-member board.

Britain's campaign for Mr Jolly began in earnest last year when it first looked as though the Mr Grant would step down. Sir David Hannay, Britain's UN ambassador, wrote a letter to other UN members seeking support for Mr Jolly's candidacy and emphasising that he would provide "the necessary degree of continuity".

Sir David wrote: "The United Kingdom believes he has the intimate knowledge of both theoretical and applied aspects of development, the international outlook, the familiarity with Unicef and the UN system as a whole and the prior managerial record which, taken together, would enable him to be an outstanding executive director."

The British drive faces stiff opposition from the United States, Unicef's host country and the agency's largest donor, which insists that another American should take over. Mr Grant's two predecessors were both Americans.

The Clinton Administration takes the tradition of American leadership of Unicef so seriously that the matter was raised by Al Gore, the Vice-President, in a meeting with Dr Boutros Ghali at last year's population summit in Cairo.

Washington has nominated William Foege, a epidemiologist who used to be the director of the Carter Presidential Centre in Atlanta. Dr Foege is considered a strong candidate, having campaigned for the eradication of smallpox in the 1960. He is now leading a drive to eliminate Guinea worm disease in Africa and Asia.

Dr Boutros Ghali is said to be reluctant to choose another American unless the United States promises to back his own candidacy next year for a second five-year term as UN Secretary-General. Dr Boutros Ghali's favoured candidate is believed to be Elizabeth Rehn, the former Finnish Defence Minister, who ran a close second in her country's recent presidential election.

Dr Boutros Ghali has pledged to increase the representation of women in top posts within his discretion. Other names under consideration are Margaret Catley-Carlson of Canada, the president of the Population Council, and Anne-Marie Lizin, the former Social Affairs Minister of Belgium.

Greek archaeologists 'find Alexander's tomb at oasis'

Alexander: scholars greet news of Greek discovery with scepticism

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

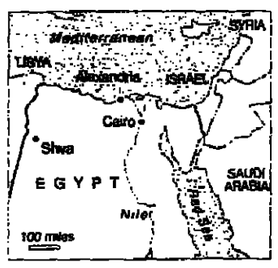
GREEK archaeologists believe they may have discovered the burial place of Alexander the Great and solved one of the great enigmas of antiquity.

The most widely accepted tradition is that Alexander, who was born in Macedonia in 356 BC and died in Babylon at the age of 32, was buried in Alexandria, the seaport named after him on the Nile Delta. But all attempts to find the remains of his tomb in the city have failed.

According to reports in Egyptian newspapers yesterday, a Greek expedition has found two limestone plaques that purport to show that Alexander was buried at the Egyptian oasis of Siwa, about 50 miles east of the modern border with Libya. Around 570 BC, Pharaoh Amasis built a temple at Siwa to the sun god Ammon, later identified by the Greeks with Zeus and called Zeus-Ammon. The temple oracle became famous for the accuracy of its prophecies and Alexander is believed to have visited the shrine in 332 BC, the year in which he founded Alexandria, undertaking a dangerous journey through the trackless desert wastes to reach it. The oracle addressed him as the son of Zeus and predicted that he would conquer the world.

The plaques are said to describe in Greek how Ptolemy, one of Alexanders's most trusted generals and his successor as ruler of Egypt, brought his master's body to the tomb at Siwa and buried it there. The tomb is described as being 130ft long and 65ft wide, its size indicating that it must have belonged to an important personage. The Greek expedition has been digging at Siwa for the past four years.

The news of the find was greeted with sceptical interest by scholars in Britain. Nicholas Hammond, Emeritus Professor of Greek at Bristol University, said: "There is a rival tradition that Alexander wanted to be buried at the shrine at Ammon. It is not impossible that he was buried there and later moved to Alexandria, although that would have to be just a supposition on the basis that he once said he wanted to be buried there.



"There is pretty good evidence that Alexander was buried at Alexandria. His tomb was visited by various people. According to one account, the body was in a gold coffin and one Roman emperor is said to have replaced it with a glass coffin so he could take away the gold."

Peter Fraser, author of *Ptolemaic Alexandria*, said: "The tradition that Alexander was finally buried in Alexandria is very firm and continuous," although "it is true that archaeologically there is no proof of burial at Alexandria."

Pakistanis make major drugs raid

FROM AFP IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTANI police and paramilitary troops have made what officials said was the biggest drugs haul in the country's history.

Thousands of police were involved in the operation. They raided a house near Peshawar being used as a drugs factory, seizing 170 tonnes of hashish and 480 kilograms of heroin, and arresting 19 people. Arms and ammunition were also seized.

The raid triggered a confrontation with tribesmen which left three dead and eight injured, including a policeman, officials said.

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War threat grows as Peru stages border raid

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA

FEARS of all-out war between Peru and Ecuador grew yesterday as Peruvian troops firing mortars and backed by helicopters launched a "massive offensive" against Ecuadorean forces along the shared border, Ecuador's Defence Ministry said.

International mediators stepped up efforts to end the fighting while the UN Security Council prepared for an emergency meeting in New York.

A communiqué from the Ecuadorean Joint Chief of Staffs said Peruvian forces attacked the bases of Soldado Monge, Teniente Hugo Ortiz, Coangos and Cueva de los Tayos with fighter jets, helicopters and mortars at 10am local time. The ministry said that Ecuador's forces, supported by air force units, were using all means at their disposal to repel the attack. Its air force was on full alert after more than 20 soldiers from both sides were reported killed in four days of clashes along the disputed Andean area. Peruvian forces reportedly recaptured military posts occupied by Ecuador in their border dispute and moved artillery cannons into the area.

Ecuadorean military officials said that the country's air force had pursued a squadron of Peruvian war planes flying over its territory on Saturday. They also said that Ecuadorian troops had repelled fresh attacks from Peruvian soldiers trying to overrun Ecuador's defence posts. An Ecuadorean military statement said: "We detected a squadron of Peruvian aeroplanes flying over the border of El Oro Province. We then launched our own fighter aeroplanes forcing the Peruvians back into their territories."

El Oro Province is located 150 miles away from a huge stretch of Amazon rain forest that is rich in gold and oil reserves. This has become one of the key points of the dispute.

Simmering tension broke into open conflict on Thursday when Peruvian armed forces alleged that an Ecuadorean helicopter had flown two and a half miles into Peruvian territory and launched bombing attacks on border posts. A 1942 border treaty that awarded half of Ecuador to Peru led to clashes in 1981 but the armed conflict has never escalated to this weekend's level.

Ecuador rejected the 1942 treaty in 1960 and the rich stretch of jungle has remained in contention ever since. Ecuador has accepted most of the 1,000-mile border demarcation established by the treaty but a 50-mile stretch of the jungle-covered mountain range Cordillera del Condor border limit is still ambiguous.

President Durán-Ballén declared a state of emergency and assured the international community that his troops would not invade Peru.

President Fujimori of Peru also gave assurances that he would order his troops to stay within the Peruvian border but he said: "We will not stop from defending our sovereignty."

The Peruvian leader has been accused of fuelling the dispute because he is in the middle of an election campaign for polls in April. Opinion polls show his popularity increasing since the outbreak of armed clashes.

President Fujimori has already rejected attempts by the Organisation of American States and the United Nations to mediate in the conflict. He has insisted that he will only accept the intervention of the four countries who are the guarantors of the 1942 Rio treaty, namely America, Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

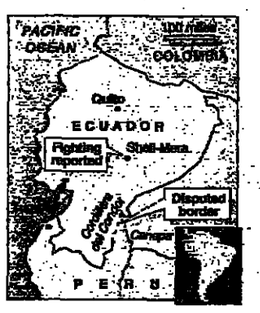
"We want to define once and for all where the border limits are. The Ecuadoreans have continually ignored the treaty," President Fujimori said.

In New York Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, said that he was "gravely concerned" by the current tension.

President Menem of Argentina, whose country holds the rotating UN Security Council presidency this month, called for the emergency security meeting.

☐ **Rio de Janeiro:** A six-storey apartment building collapsed in Guaratuba, a southern resort town in Brazil, killing at least six people and leaving more than 20 trapped in the rubble. Scores of police and fire officials were working on the rescue with the help of several hundred citizens, who were mainly friends and family of those trapped under the rubble. *(Reuter)*

Peruvian soldiers show off their weapons as they arrive at the border with Ecuador, near the town of Tumbes, after the long-running territorial dispute escalated at the weekend



An Ecuadorean soldier gives the victory salute as he and other reinforcements leave Patuca to join troops who were massing on the Peruvian border yesterday

FACTFILE

Tensions have roots in 1941 border war

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

☐ **The dispute: Peru and Ecuador fought a war in 1941 over their 1,000-mile border and tensions rise each year before the January 29 anniversary of a 1942 treaty ending hostilities, which gave half of Ecuador to Peru. Ecuador rejected the treaty in 1960. The territory in dispute is a 50-mile length of jungle-covered mountains, said to be rich in gold and oil, named the Cordillera del Condor.**

☐ **Military strength: Peru is more than three times the size of Ecuador with twice the population and has a large military advantage over its neighbour. Peru has 115,000 soldiers and 188,000 reservists, while Ecuador has 58,000 troops and 100,000 reserve forces. The Peruvian air force has 96 planes, compared with Ecuador's 83. Ecuador has 153 tanks while Peru has more than 400, but only about 80 are believed to be operational.**

☐ **Governments and economies: Ecuador returned to democracy in 1979 after seven years of military dictatorship. President Durán-Ballén was elected in August, 1992. The agriculture-based economy was transformed in 1972 by the discovery of oil. In Peru, President Fujimori came to power in 1990. Large areas of the country have been plagued by the Maoist Shining Path terrorists. The economy is based on sugar, cotton and petroleum.**

'Revolution' gathers pace in US

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, struggling to keep up with the Republicans, convened a bipartisan welfare reform summit at the weekend. There was no disagreement on whether the present system needed replacing, only on how.

The five-hour White House meeting underlined how dramatically America's political landscape has changed since the Republicans took control of Congress this month, and how ideas previously considered extreme have now become mainstream. These are stirring times in Washington. For better or worse, the Republican juggernaut is sweeping aside old orthodoxies and shattering the status quo, and the much-vaunted "revolution" appears to be rapidly gathering momentum.

Consider last week alone. Mr Clinton, past champion of government activism, delivered a State of the Union speech in which he embraced, albeit with qualifications, all the fundamental Republican themes of smaller government, lower taxes, decentralisation and personal "empowerment".

The House approved the single most radical Bill in Newt Gingrich's *Contract with America* — a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced federal budget by 2002.

Tellingly, 72 mostly conservative House Democrats supported the amendment, provoking talk of a new alliance to enact much of the "contract" akin to the "Boll Weevil" alliance that backed President Reagan's tax cuts and defence build-up in the early 1980s.

Not to be left behind, the Senate overwhelmingly approved another Bill that is central to Republican efforts to return power, responsibilities and dollars to the 50 states. It voted 86-10 to stop Washington imposing costly requirements on the states without providing the necessary funding.

By contrast, the enfeebled President was unable to rally even Democratic support for his $40-billion package to rescue the Mexican peso, and Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican leader, issued a warning at the weekend that it was heading for defeat.

In numerous ways the Administration is discreetly changing course rather than confronting the prevailing political winds. It has, for example, dropped plans to rejoin the little-loved Unesco.

Mr Clinton should not be written off, however. For all its outward unity there are deep fault lines in the Republican party — between hot-blooded congressmen and cautious senators, supply-siders and the fiscally-prudish, cultural conservatives and social liberals. The public supports the Republican agenda in the abstract, but may recoil from its painful realities.

Ross Perot could once again split the Republican vote in 1996, while the Republicans, in their hubris, could conceivably give their 1996 nomination to an arch-conservative like Phil Gramm. Compared to the Texas senator, Mr Clinton might be seen as a paragon of reason and moderation.

Gingrich: House backed his most radical Bill

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Yale nude photos destroyed

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THOUSANDS of members of America's establishment, including George Bush, the former President, can breathe easy. At the request of Yale University, their *alma mater*, the Smithsonian Institution has destroyed thousands of photographs of them posing naked as students.

Last Friday, the institution shredded 100lbs of the photographs while a Yale representative looked on to ensure none was preserved to embarrass or blackmail people. While Mr Bush can now relax, Hillary Clinton, cannot. Her college, Wellesley, has not yet asked for the destruction of pictures of its former students, taken for a discredited eugenics experiment.

Communion for Kennedy stirs up church divorce row

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SENATOR Edward Kennedy is at the centre of controversy over church teachings on marriage after he took Communion at his mother's funeral despite the fact that he has divorced his wife and remarried in a civil ceremony.

Mr Kennedy was seen on television receiving Communion from Cardinal Bernard Law at Rose Kennedy's funeral in Boston last week. Dozens of Catholics telephoned church offices and news organisations and questioned how he could be in good standing with the Church, which is a prerequisite of taking Communion.

Some callers accused the Church of setting different standards for the rich and poor, and being more willing to allow powerful Catholics to get divorced. A spokeswoman for the family said the Senator's second wedding to Victoria Reggie last year had eventually been "blessed by the Church". She would not comment on whether church officials had granted an annulment of his 23-year marriage to Joan Kennedy.

The archdiocese said it was not free to comment "whether it's a famous person or an ordinary one". Catholic teaching holds that marriage is permanent and does not allow divorce unless the marriage is found to have been invalid from the beginning and annulled.

This is granted by a church tribunal only when a person can show that they lacked the psychological maturity to give full consent, was too closely related to a spouse or had been unwilling to carry out the responsibilities of marriage. Without an annulment, remarried people are not supposed to receive Communion.

Before Mr Kennedy's second wedding, Cardinal Law said that the powerful Massachusetts Democrat had not obtained an annulment of his marriage and was not free to marry again in the Catholic Church.

"In the eyes of the Church, Senator Kennedy is married and, like any other Catholic, as long as he is married, he is not free to enter into another marriage," the Cardinal said.

During the senator's re-election campaign last autumn, however, there were unconfirmed reports that he had obtained an annulment from a marriage tribunal in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, where he now lives.

Mr Kennedy refused to comment on the reports, saying that it was a private matter. At his mother's funeral service, the senator was conspicuously the first member of the Kennedy clan to receive Communion.

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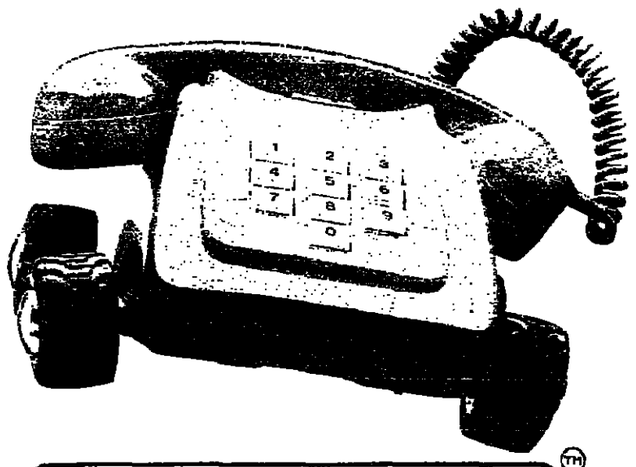

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD

■ VISUAL ART

A brief, visionary history of time: sculptor Tatsuo Miyajima transforms the Queen's House in Greenwich

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Wednesday

■ THEATRE

At the Cambridge Theatre, Chaka Khan leads the cast in the Harlem musical *Mama, I Want to Sing*

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

■ BOOKS

Lenin — the man, the revolutionary and the politician — is the subject of two new biographical studies

IN THE SHOPS: Now
REVIEW: Thursday

■ DANCE

A new work from Shobana Jeyasingh opens in Nottingham, inspired by the hunting rituals of India

OPENS: Thursday
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DONALD COOPER

Cheetahs and all that jazz

Kate Bassett tries to sort fact from fiction in a wild show based on the death of trumpeter Chet Baker

People Show 100
ICA, SW1

That long-standing avant-garde gang, The People Show, is back on form with production No 100. This is a burst of invention around the last moments of the life of Chet Baker, as famous for his drugs as for his fine jazz. He fell from the first floor of an Amsterdam hotel in 1988. There was heroin in his blood, but the verdict remains open on the exact circumstances of his death.

The show is no biography. Anyone expecting illumination of the man, his music or his mysterious end might get crotchety. For me, the jury was out concerning what was going on at all when — apparently in a seedy hostel-cum-bar — baby cheetahs were projected on a screen and a man trussed to a piano with neckties was released by Baker brandishing scissors.

Was this some cryptic allusion to Chet cutting his cultural ties, or bondage with extraneous cubs? An intriguing murder-mystery structure seemed nascent, moving from suicide to a conspiracy theory, as we witnessed replays (with variations) of Baker's final hours. Plot, however, goes out of the window as the mime-drama flips — with knowing recklessness — into a gig; then Baker, relayed on video, goes careering down the Mall.

The People Show's interest is experimentation, not explanation. Compounding 1950s spivs and 1980s backpackers, the fragmentary episodes may be Baker's life flashing before him. The events are abstrusely suggestive, even nonsensical, as a stoned vision or unexplained death. The piece — roughly physical theatre meets the microphone and video technology of the Wooster Group — is electrically stylised. A whole hotel is conjured up by two spinning cubes of steel scaffolding. We see guests in rooms living alone on top of each other. Characters rush against the clock in a farce of doors. Beds ingeniously unfold from suitcases, bedside lamps and all.

Baker is played by a woman: Josette Bushell-Mingo is riveting, wordlessly dancing out fiercely punctuated narcotic highs and frantic lows. She sings sizzlingly, even as she falls. Pressed against a vertical sheet of glass, she slips inch by inch as another desperately draws her outline in blood-red, creating a staggered vision of a body in descent — or a soul taking wing.

KATE BASSETT

Josette Bushell-Mingo is riveting as jazz musician Chet Baker, wordlessly dancing out narcotic highs and frantic lows in this avant-garde piece of experimentation

CONCERT: Fine performance of a strong new work in Glasgow

War and peace in disturbing measure

BBC SSO / Brabbins
City Hall

It is taking a liberty, you might think, to commission a violin concerto and at the same time to present the composer with a copy of the book on which the new work might be based. But Anthony Marwood, who has known Sally Beamish and her music since they were both members of the Raphael Ensemble five or six years ago, clearly had the right instinct: Eric Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front* has inspired a characteristically theatrical and unfailingly effective Beamish score.

First performed in a BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra concert between Birtwistle's *Still Movement and his even* more masterful *Endless Parade* — which would have been enough to kill all but the strongest of new works at birth — Sally Beamish's Violin Concerto is surely here to stay. Certainly, Anthony Marwood, who has pronounced it "marvellous", will do all he can to keep it in the repertoire, and other violinists should be attracted by a role which is not only heroic but also poetic.

The construction of the first movement, which is basically an alternation of warlike orchestral aggression (usually signalled by a thunderous entry of the timpani) with reflective solo episodes, becomes too predictable, perhaps. But that doesn't make the violin writing any less interesting, or its often weird exchanges with other instruments any less disturbing. A solo passage situated where the cadenza would be in a conventional concerto is particularly expressive in its double-stopped eloquence. In spite of an inevitable reminder of Berg in the slow movement, the concerto has its own distinctive atmosphere. Even from the lonely end of that central movement to the companionable ribaldry at the start of the next, there is a consistency of purpose which makes the work a sustained experience of violence resolved into compassion.

It is an indication of the value of the BBC SSO in Scottish musical life that it was able not only to present a programme like this in Glasgow City Hall, but also to do it so well. Apart from the quality of the solo playing by Anthony Marwood in the Beamish concerto and John Wallace in *Endless Parade*, there was a remarkably secure orchestra performance. As well as all that, Martyn Brabbins conducted an interpretation of Walton's Second Symphony which must surely banish for ever the concept of "opulence" from commentary on this essentially lean and fit, if intermittently inspired, simulation of creative energy.

GERALD LARNER

LONDON

THE LIVE BED SHOW Arthur Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival hit gives a comic start to the week. Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Previews begin tonight, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6.30 and 8.45pm. Opens Feb 7.

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Opera North's revival of Walton's romantic opera has proved something of a disappointment for those who were lucky enough to experience it in all its glory, albeit some time ago. There are skeins of glorious music but the cast is either not quite strong enough or left too much to its own devices — the chorus is the collective star of the show. With Judith Howarth, Arthur Davies and Alan Opie; Richard Hickox conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight and Thurs, 7.30pm.

A WIGMORE DEBUT. The Wigmore continues its policy of giving up and coming artists an airing with John Davis's London debut. Tonight's recital from the American pianist reflects his flair for an inventive mix of works from the standard repertoire with 20th-century pieces. Beethoven, Bartók and Copland, plus three UK premieres from William Albright and James P Johnson.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BATH The Theatre Royal opens a new season with the touring production of Paul Theroux's **Mosquito Coast**. A striking achievement — complete with a salsa score, water and wet sand — but it suffers some from the absence of a vigorous opponent to the maniacal Allie. Presented by the David Glass Ensemble.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (01225 448844). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

COVENTRY Opening night for **The Browning Version**. Simon Usher returns from the much acclaimed *Mortal Ash in London to direct an* original setting version of Rattigan's powerful drama. Tennessee Williams's *This Property is Condemned precedes* it as a curtain raiser.
Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553056). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm. Fri and Sat, 8pm, Feb 5, 2.30pm. Until Feb 18.

MANCHESTER Last week too for the Whitworth's celebratory retrospective of Anthony Caro's table sculptures. A not-to-be-missed chance to discover the wonders of one of the great innovators and inventors of 20th-century sculpture.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road (0161-273 4865). Today-Sat, 10am-5pm; Thurs, 10am-8pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141). **British Museum**, Chinese Arms and Armour (0171-638 1555). **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1964 (071-873 2526). **National Gallery**: *The Age of Elegance* (0171-839 3321). **National Portrait Gallery**: *Christina Rossetti* (0171-306 0055). **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438). **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075). **Tate**: Works on Paper: Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites (0171-887 8000). **V&A**, Nehru Gallery: Streetstyle (0171-938 8500).

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

EDINBURGH Last week of performances for the Lyceum's season opener, **On Golden Pond**. Caroline Hall directs Ernest Thompson's lesson in "how to grow old", gracefully or otherwise, with Eileen McCallum, Thane Bettany and James Mackenzie.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (0131-229 9697). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

◪ **AS YOU LIKE IT** Cheek by Jowl's all-male Shakespeare, spare, inventive, endearingly funny with Adrian Lester a ravishing Rosalind. Declan Donnellan directs.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Feb 11.

◪ **CINDERELLA** Lindsay Kemp's fascinating reworking of the tale, subtitled "A Gothic Operetta" and set in a jungle palace choking on its own decadence. Superb music by Carlos Miranda.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Final week.

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE.** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **THE DANCE OF DEATH** Strindberg's impassioned, sometimes comic, view of marriage as hell. Subtle characterisation by Gemma Jones and John Neville.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 4.

◪ **DANGEROUS CORNER:** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm. Until Mar 11.

◪ **FEVER PITCH** The one-man show adapted from Nick Hornby's best-selling account of a lifelong obsession with Arsenal FC. Stephen North takes us through 45 minutes each way.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 6.15 and 8.30pm.

☐ **LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST.** Jenny Agutter returns to the RSC with new cast for final performances of Ian Judge's pleasing production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Previews tonight, 7.15pm, opens tomorrow, 7pm.

☐ **MAMA I WANT TO SING:** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Now previewing, 7.45pm; opens Feb 1, 7pm.

☐ **THE MAN OF MODE:** Etherege's wittiest comedy: sex, style and even some true love. David Westhead as Dorimant, Tim Potter as Sir Fopling Flutter, Max Stafford-Clark directs. In repertoire with *The Libertine*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Today, 7.30pm.

◪ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR:** Terry Hands's first production here, after his long time in charge of the RSC. Denis Quilley plays the fat knight outwitted by the wives.
National (Oliver), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm.

☐ **A TALE OF TWO CITIES:** Final week for Alexis Denisof and Timothy Walker in Matthew Francis's version of the Dickens epic. Self-sacrifice, the guillotine and lots of knitting.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Tonight, 7.45pm.

☐ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL.** Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant Ida.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA.** Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

BARCELONA (12) Whit Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable blend of romance, politics and disco dancing, set during the early 1980s. With Taylor Nichols and Chris Eigeman.
Odeon Haymarket (01426-915353)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG) Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

SILENT TONGUE (12) Loquacious folly about troubled lives out west, from writer-director Sam Shepard. With Richard Harris, Alan Bates and River Phoenix.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279)

SUTURE Hypnotic melodrama with avant-garde trimmings from new American film-makers Scott McGehee and David Siegel.
Everyman ◪ (0171-435 1525) **ICA** ◪ (0171-930 3647)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15) Amnesiac pornographer takes his past with a former nun's help. Clumsy, touching pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
Lumiere (0171-636 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-637 8402)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN (PG). Delectable mosaic of Taipei family life from the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, Ang Lee.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3566)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15) Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18) Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG) Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG) Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea and Wendy Hughes.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG) Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; Roland Emmerich directs.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15) Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives, a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Minema** (0171-235 4225)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18) Tedious, violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. Peter Hyams directs.
Empire ◪ (0800 888911) ◪ **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3303)

◆ **WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE** (15) Inventive riff on the "Elm Street" movies from the original's creator, director Wes Craven. With Robert Englund, Heather Langenkamp.
Odeon Mezzanine ◪ (01426 915883) **West End** (01426-915 574)

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After Quentin, the rest is pulp

Kate Alderson reports on the addiction to Tarantino's violent films among young Mancunians

Your money or your life: Rosanna Arquette assumes the classic stance of a Tarantino character, as she robs the café in *Pulp Fiction*, released in Britain last October

Quentin Tarantino's arrival in Manchester was as eagerly awaited among the cinematically aware as Eric Cantona's appearances at Old Trafford used to be among the footballing faithful. Another bad boy, the *enfant terrible* of cinema, was coming to town. No amount of tickets was going to be enough.

Until, that is, he cancelled. The Cornerhouse, the city's arthouse cinema, had given warning of huge queues on Saturday morning when tickets for tomorrow's Tarantino visitation went on sale. Within a few hours scores of fans tripped up to the box office to learn that their hero was double-booked and would not be coming to Manchester during his week-long British trip.

Dedicated followers of Tarantino were a little more than disappointed at the timetabling errors. The filmmaker inspires a rare loyalty, many of his fans are serial-viewers, and in Manchester his popularity is attested city-wide by the number of his films on permanent showing.

Indeed, all of the half-dozen major cinemas in the Greater Manchester area are showing either *Reservoir Dogs*, two years old, or *Pulp Fiction*, released months ago. Some are showing both. A three-screen inner-city cinema in Manchester, 15 minutes' walk from Moss Side and in the heart of student-land, took off *Reservoir Dogs* a week ago to make room for a "blockbuster". A week later, the film is back — in a double bill with *Pulp Fiction*. What's more, a Tarantino Festival of Terror is promised. Kevin Lewis, the chief projectionist, says his cinema has run "The Dogs," as it is affectionately known, since it was released and it had proved a mistake to interrupt its success.

"The public want it, they want anything to do with Tarantino," he says. "The week we dropped it we had nothing but complaints, people asking for 'The Dogs' and *Pulp Fiction*. We are into the third year of showing 'The Dogs' non-stop: it's become an institution."

Lewis defines his audience as the twenty-to-thirty-somethings. Many are students; they love the harsh realism and black humour of Tarantino's work. "It is anti-Stallone and anti-Arnie and anti-Hollywood. He is one of the few directors who is stepping outside the mainstream. And, after all, we in this country love an anti-hero."

Tarantino himself has remarked on the phenomenon of *Reservoir Dogs* taking more at the box office in this country than in America. And Mancunians, it seems, relish the cocktail of violence and black humour more than most.

Chris Fox, a 26-year-old lithographics systems operator, was aimlessly milling around the Cornerhouse on Saturday morning after learning of Tarantino's cancellation. "Everyone I know loves Tarantino," he said, proudly admitting to watching *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction* three times each at the cinema, possessing a bootleg video of both and their soundtracks. "We talk about his films a lot at work. His genius is as much about bringing back Travolta from *Grease* and making him dance as it is about being stylistically so different."

The violence in the films, he says, is not a major talking-point among him and his friends: "We are less likely to talk about the violence than we are about the music Tarantino has chosen to accompany the violence. Of course violence has some role to play in the attraction of his films, but it's hardly the stuff of copycat crimes."

The dark humour of Tarantino keeps Chris Caldwell, 26, a warehouse supervisor, coming back for more. As he talks about *Reservoir Dogs* his girlfriend rolls her eyes and says that not only has he got the T-shirt, but the posters, the videos and the soundtracks.

"There are no other films around that have the dark humour," says Caldwell, who has seen "The Dogs" and *Pulp Fiction* three times each. "The violence is comic-book stuff — after every piece of violence there is something funny. No other director catches my imagination like him."

Catherine Traughton, 19, and Kirsty Roberts, 18, are both students and both mistakenly turned up to buy tickets for Tarantino a week before they went on sale. Like most who profess to be "Tara" groupies, they describe his films as controversial, different and stylised. Neither of them likes violent movies.

"The violence is realistic and gritty, it's done with a bit of panache. It has never been portrayed like this in films before," says Traughton. Stallone and Arnie have killed dozens of people, she says, but nobody kicks up a fuss about their films.

However, Simon Broom, 26, and unemployed with a waist-length ponytail, likes the films for their "guns and swearing". He admits to sitting at home with his girlfriend listening to the *Pulp Fiction* soundtrack and obsessively attempting to remember which song fits with which part of the film.

"I've seen nothing like it before," he says. "You can watch Hollywood films till you're blue in the face, but nothing shows violence or humour like Tarantino. He gets to you, makes you think, and his characters have a black, dark edge to them which makes you shiver and laugh."

Michael Roylands is the manager of the eight-screen Odeon cinema in the city centre and 12 per cent of his takings are from *Reservoir Dogs*, *Pulp Fiction* and *True Romance*. The voyeurism of the violence, he says, seems to appeal to his audience and the fact that with *Reservoir Dogs* it had been ruled unfit for video viewing. "It is the raw emotion of the characters that has an appeal and has introduced the phenomenon of repeat or serial viewing," he says. "But I rather wish people would watch *Three Colours Blue*."

Meanwhile, on Great Western Street in Moss Side, a five-strong gang of teenagers and young men were lounging on their mountain bikes. In the broad daylight of a Saturday lunchtime all five were expressing the politics of intimidation and fear by wearing full black balaclavas with slits cut for the eyes. As women and children walked past them to the shops they glared, immobile and menacing.

When I asked if they were *Reservoir Dogs* groupies, they looked back in disbelief. "F***ing *Reservoir Dogs*," one yelled, while attempting to rip my coat open to frisk me for weapons. "This f***ing bitch's got something in her coat," he yelled to his friends. "F***ing Reservoir f***ing dogs. What the f*** you goin' on about? Who f***ing gives a s*** about that s***?"

Point taken. As Tarantino says, violence on the streets is one of the worst aspects of everyday life, "but in movies it's fun".

OVERTURES

Out of their graves

ALL it takes is a hit low-budget British film and suddenly everybody wants you, as the makers of *Shallow Grave* are discovering. But rather than go their separate Hollywood ways, producer **Andrew Macdonald**, director **Danny Boyle** and writer **John Hodge** are offering themselves as a triple-package with plans for two films.

First off is *Trainspotting*, a £1.5 million film about an Edinburgh heroin addict. Then comes *A Life Less Ordinary*, a £5.5 million thriller set in America with Patricia Arquette, Uma Thurman and Rufus Sewell among those being considered for roles. The trio is also planning a film for children and adults. "Something like, God help us, *The Red Shoes*," says Macdonald, whose grandfather was Emeric Pressburger, co-director of the Moira Shearer classic.

● HAVING sold seven million records in 1994 — "Love Is All Around" topped the charts in 14 countries and managed 15 weeks at No 1 here — Glasgow's **Wet Wet Wet** are putting the last touches to a new studio album, due for release in April. If you don't like the music, you may well like the artwork. Eighteen leading Scottish-born or based artists have agreed to paint portraits of the band members, or to interpret tracks on canvas. Among them are **Peter Howson**, **Steven Campbell** and **Adrian Wiszniewski**. A travelling exhibition of their paintings will visit most European capitals.

● THE Indian actor **Roshan Seth**, fondly remembered for his performance as the drunkard father in *My Beautiful Laundrette*, will join **Raquel Welch** in *The Millionairess*, opening in the West End in May under John Caird's direction. Seth inherits the role of the Egyptian doctor played in the 1952 London production by Robert Helpmann. Welch, for her part, has some formidable forebears to compete with: that production's "millionairess" was Katharine Hepburn.

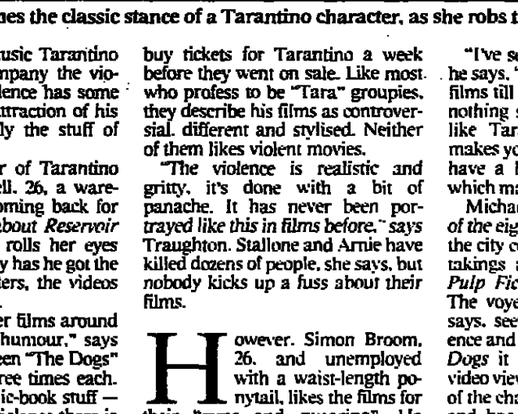
● IT MAY be 31 years old, but BBC TV's **Top Of The Pops** is resisting any impulse to settle down with pipe and slippers and a mug of cocoa. Next Thursday's edition will feature a new set, new graphics and a new theme tune, written and recorded by Erasure's Vince Clarke. And to complement the show — which now commands an audience of seven million again, after a late-1980s slump — the BBC is launching a *Top Of The Pops* magazine on February 22, aimed not just at teeny-boppers but pop-lovers of all ages.

● CROSS-DRESSING goes distinctly upmarket in May when **Deborah Warner** directs **Fiona Shaw** in the title role of Shakespeare's *Richard II* at the Cottesloe. The production, a late addition to the National's season, reunites the duo who have worked together on *Electra*, *Good Person of Sichuan*, and, most recently, Beckett's *Footfalls*. **Hildegard Bechtler**, another Warner veteran, is the designer. *Richard II* is good news in view of the fact that Warner's film of *Measure For Measure*, to star Shaw as Isabella, now looks as if it won't happen in the near future.

● THE young French tenor **Roberto Alagna**, who made such an impression at the Royal Opera in October with his ardent singing of Romeo in the Gounod opera, has been rapidly booked by Covent Garden for a one-off concert. With the opera house orchestra, Alagna will perform operatic excerpts and French songs on June 7.

Notes towards future harmony

Rodney Milnes reports from Cape Town on the operatic response to the changes in South African society



Roelof Temmingh's *Enoch, Prophet of God*, as staged in Cape Town: the first full-length South African opera

The future of the performing arts, and especially of opera, is uncertain in South Africa, to say the very least. They have been exclusively associated with the white minority, and the new Government may quite understandably have other priorities for funding. Although the popular Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, Dr B.S. Ngubane, has been making encouraging noises, no one in the musical world is wholly confident of having a job in a year's time.

So for CAPAB Opera suddenly to launch the first Cape Town Opera Festival of four new productions is an extraordinary act of faith, and the fact that one of them is the premiere of the first full-length South African opera is a timely reminder that the form does not have to be hopelessly exclusive or Euro-centric.

CAPAB Opera has long had the reputation of being both artistically and socially one of the more progressive companies in the country. Three years ago it gave concert performances of *William Tell* in which each of the three choruses of representatives from the cantons assembling to raise the flag of revolt in the second act was sung by a choir from a different township.

A Verdi Requiem followed, and a year ago the company instituted the Choral Training Programme, by which 21 people from townships all over the peninsula are specially taught and coached to take part in opera performances. They first joined the CAPAB chorus last September in *Turandot*, and are now playing a crucial role in the festival — especially in the new work, Roelof Temmingh's *Enoch, Prophet of God*. The ANC was suspicious at first, but has now given the CTP its blessing.

Enoch in fact has two composers: Temmingh was joined by Lungile Jacobs for the Xhosa choral music that plays a significant part in the piece. The action is closely based on fact. In 1919 the charismatic religious leader Enoch Mgijima attracted some 3,000 followers: around half that number of Enoch's Israelites camped illegally at Ntabelanga and could not be persuaded to leave; on May 24, 1921, Empire Day and Jan Smuts's birthday, negotiations broke down and a massacre ensued — 380 (the official figure) Israelites were killed. Enoch's Israelite church still exists — he himself died in 1928 after a period of imprisonment — and a delegation of four bishops came to the premiere of the opera on Tuesday.

The libretto by Michael Williams, who also produces, sticks closely to the facts, but tactfully introduces some love interest: Enoch's militant lieutenant Moses marries Zandile, daughter of a black landowner whose complaint to the district officer John Nightingale precipitates the tragedy. Nightingale, the anguished "liberal", has his counterpart to Moses in Tom Jenkins, head of the local militia. The action, with its pre-echoes of Sharpeville and Soweto, is inescapably here and now.

Temmingh has been through all the correct modernist procedures in his time, but here contrives a tonal musical language of appropriate directness that in no sense talks down to its audience or its subject.

The music for Enoch and his followers has just the right heartfelt fervour; the Empire Day garden party is a riot of bitter irony *à la* Shostakovich, with squealing woodwind arabesques; the mourning over the dead — Moses is of course among them — is not unworthy of the Prokofiev of *Alexander Nevsky*. These are good models.

I attended the public dress rehearsal, at which the invited audience was predominantly Xhosa. Reactions to a piece so utterly unsparing in its approach were fascinating.

Openly racist sentiments at the garden party drew edgy laughter; Jacobs's Xhosa music for the Israelites' celebration of the Passover invited and nearly got audience participation; the machine-gunning of unarmed protesters to the batteringly violent sound of a full orchestra left at least one member of the audience numb with horror.

When has opera last been so inextricably interwined with the society for which it was written? I think one would have to go back to early Verdi, or Weill.

The performance was extremely impressive, with excellent playing from the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra under David John Scarr. Abel Keishepile Motsoadi, still a student at the Cape Town University Opera School which works closely with the company, had just the right charismatic presence for the title role and a baritone voice of great natural beauty.

Sibongile Mngoma (soprano) and Marcus Desando (tenor) were both touchingly ardent as the lovers, and Gordon Christie made great impact as the implacable tenor architect of the massacre. Choruses of both Israelites and settlers were superb.

I also saw *Nabucco* in a traditional production by Christine Crouse, who resisted the temptation to update the not-irrelevant action (a recent Cape Town *Trovatore* featured a necklacing, which caused a bit of a stir). There was alert, taut playing from this time, the Cape Philharmonic under Renato Palumbo, who knows how to make the most of this music.

The young American soprano Kathleen McCalla was singing her first Abigaille: she has the notes and musicianship to go with them, and gave an infectiously fearless performance. Mauro Augustini was the unsparingly loud, stand-and-deliver Nabucco: there were promising performances lower down, from Isabelle Van Zyl (Fenena) and Henk Klijnhans (Abdallo). But it was the chorus's evening, nearly 100-strong and of every hue (which in South Africa is an awful lot of hues): "Va pensiero" could not help but be overwhelming.

In both *Enoch* and the Choral Training Programme CAPAB has put down its marker for opera as something that can shape and heal society. A doubtless naive outsider can only admire them and wish them well.

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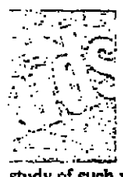
Vaccine hope for Aids



ABOUT one person in 20 infected with HIV seems able to survive for a very long time without developing the symptoms of Aids. Now the study of such people has renewed the hope that an effective vaccine against Aids may be possible.

Three studies in the current *New England Journal of Medicine* examine long-term survivors, and try to explain why they have beaten the odds. Most of them have been infected with HIV for more than ten years, and some for over 15; yet they remain healthy, with a vigorous immune response. They have not shaken off the infection, but they have held it at bay.

One of the reports, from a team led by Dr Frank Kirchhoff, of the Harvard Medical School, shows that in one 11-year survivor, the virus appears to have lost part of a gene called nef. This man, a haemophiliac, has almost certainly been exposed over the years to HIV more than once — but the infection with the nef-deficient form of HIV appears to have protected him from infection by more virulent strains.

SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

The observation tallies neatly with work done at the New England Primate Centre in Boston, and published in 1992. This showed that macaque monkeys infected with nef-deficient SIV (the simian equivalent of HIV) had remained healthy for two years, while those infected with a complete SIV had died of Aids within a year. These animals were also immune to an attack from a virulent strain.

The Aids community has known of Dr Kirchhoff's observation for some time, and other researchers have looked for the same gene deletion in other long-term human survivors, so far without success — but the finding is exciting, nonetheless.

It suggests that a "killed" or attenuated virus might serve as a vaccine. At the Wellcome research laboratories in Kent, a prototype nef-deficient SIV vaccine has been developed by Dr Erling Rud, who has shown that it protects against both virulent SIV and against a virus in which the surface proteins of SIV have been replaced by those of HIV-1.

As Dr Jim Stott, of the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, writes in the *MRC News*, these are promising results. "The attenuated virus induces a protection against an immunodeficiency virus that is far more potent than anything yet devised."

The difficulty is knowing whether such a vaccine will ever be safe for widespread use. This anxiety was heightened by recent results that showed that an SIV vaccine, immobilised so that it was unable to give the disease to full-grown macaques, could still infect newborns.

Dr Stott does not despair, however. He believes that there may still be "alternative, and less hazardous, strategies". Nor is this the only way forward. The Medical Research Council has shown that protection against SIV can be provided by the use of a vaccine made from proteins found on the surface of the white blood cells that are responsible for rejecting organ transplants.

It all suggests, says Dr Stott, that in Aids research things are not as desperate as they may appear. "The message is that there are grounds for hope," he says.

Options

IF you want people to stick to the status quo, offer them plenty of alternatives. When people are faced with lots of choice, doing-nothing becomes, paradoxically, more attractive.

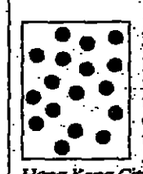
This truth is already intuitively known to estate agents, says Dr Donald Redelmeier, of the University of Toronto. But he has recently shown that it also applies to doctors faced with the bewildering range of choice offered by modern medicines.

"Estate agents know that if they want to make a sale, they shouldn't show you too many different houses," he says. But doctors are surely too sophisticated? Not so.

He asked a group of GPs, neurologists and neurosurgeons to make choices, where half of them were given two options in the treatment of a patient, while the other half were given a third possibility as well. The decision was whether or not to prescribe drug treatment. Given a straight choice between drug or no-drug, 72 per cent opted for the drug. But when given a more complex choice, with two drugs to choose from, only just over half prescribed either.

The study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, suggests a strategy for those opposed to, say, the Labour Party's plans for devolution. Rather than asking people to choose between this plan and no change, opponents should come up with lots of alternative plans of their own, embarrass the electorate with choice, and finish up where we are already.

Wind test



A CHANCE meeting in Peking has led to a dramatic improvement in the ability to forecast the course of typhoons. Dr Johnnie Chan of Hong Kong City University heard a lecture by Professor Julian Hunt, chief executive of the Meteorological Office, and went up afterwards to tell him he could make the forecasts much better. He was right.

The trouble with typhoons is that there are not many measurements of the temperatures, winds and the pressures immediately around them, for understandable reasons. Forecasters had hitherto used plausible but invented values, feeding them into computer models of the atmosphere and using them to predict the movement of the typhoon.

It worked poorly, no better than an older method in which the typhoon's course was predicted simply on the basis of what similar storms had done in the past. Dr Chan's idea was to improve the computer method by taking into account the direction and speed of the storm itself, reasoning that this would give the winds around it an asymmetrical pattern.

Fed into the computer, this change has just about doubled the accuracy of the forecasts. Last October, the new method was used to predict the complex movement of a typhoon called Wilda, travelling in the Pacific, with great accuracy.

Back to basic instincts

Matt Ridley talks to the naturalist who studied ants and then fought to change our view of human nature

Edward O. Wilson: not afraid to grab a snake

Edward O. Wilson's autobiography, *Naturalist*, has just been shortlisted for a National Book Critics' award in the United States. This is the Harvard zoologist's third book to receive such a nomination. He has also won two Pulitzer prizes, a national medal of science, the gold medal of the World Wide Fund for Nature and many other medals. Wilson is among the most decorated, literate and famous scientists in the world today.

And all for what? Ants. He set out to be, and is, the world expert on ants. True, he used the knowledge thus gained to revolutionise ecology in the 1960s, explain human nature in the 1970s and lead the campaign for saving tropical forests in the 1990s, but these were just detours from a life devoted to collecting, describing, experimenting upon and being obsessed by ants.

He is living proof that to be a great scientist you do not have to be a mathematician, or a supreme theorist or even a splendid technician. You can be a naturalist instead.

"Naturalists are pattern discoverers," Wilson says. "The strongest evolutionary biologists have been naturalists. It's the royal road to success, the road Darwin took. It gives you a finger-tip familiarity with new phenomena that is vital to seeing the patterns in life." Those long childhood hours spent with the collecting jar and the sweep net are, he implies, the best apprenticeship a biologist can have.

Thirty years ago this was a very unfashionable view. The structure of the gene was cracked by an ex-physicist (Francis Crick) and a biochemist (Jim Watson) making models out of metal. They ushered in a new age of molecular biology, contemptuously dismissing the old naturalists as "stamp collectors". From now on, they said, biology would happen indoors.

At Harvard, Watson himself led a bitter campaign to turf out Wilson and his cronies from the biology department. "I found him the most unpleasant human being I had ever met," says Wilson in his autobiography, "the Caligula of biology." Shown these remarks before the book was published, Watson merely agreed that he must have been insufferable.

Ironically, molecular biology is now dominated by the most tedious of stamp-collecting jobs — the cataloguing of genes — while evolutionary biology has been revolutionised by the concept of the "selfish gene". It was an idea Wilson did as much as anybody to promulgate in the book that shot him to fame, *Sociobiology*, published to great controversy in 1975.

The key to understanding why this solitary, polite and studious ant-man from Alabama should have become so embattled lies, he agrees, in an incident in a swamp in Alabama near the small town of Brewton in the summer of 1944. Fifteen-year-old Wilson spent many solitary hours there, catching snakes for fun. One day he stalked a venomous cottonmouth in a stream. His autobiography takes up the tale:

"It was the largest snake I had ever seen in the wild, more than five feet long with a body as thick as my arm and a head the size of my fist . . . I moved into the snake handler's routine: pinned the body back of the head, grasped the neck behind the swelling masseteric muscles, and lifted the snake clear of the water. The big cottonmouth, so calm to that moment, reacted with stunning violence. Throwing its heavy body into convulsions, it twisted its head and neck slightly forward through my tightened fingers and stretched its mouth wide open to unfold inch-long fangs. A fetid musk from its anal glands filled the air. In the few seconds we were locked together the morning heat became more noticeable, reality crashed through, and at last I awoke from my dream and wondered why I was in that place alone. If I were bitten, who would find me?" Just in time he threw the snake clear.

"I am a risk-taker by nature," says Wilson today. "For various subterranean reasons I like to test myself to the limit." In 1975 social science's contempt for biology was just a big snake to be grabbed.

So as he completed his book on how genetic self-interest explained animal behaviour, Wilson decided to add a chapter saying that the same principles apply to human beings. All hell broke loose. Marxist scientists wrote to newspapers all but accusing him of Nazism. Student activists disrupted his lectures. Nihilists seized the microphone and dumped iced water over his head to prevent him speaking in a debate.

All this for daring to challenge the absurd orthodoxy of the social sciences, that there are no such things as instincts, that, in effect, stomachs and testicles may be programmed in the genes, but not hunger or lust. Wilson is still stunned by how powerful political correctness can be even when peddling obvious falsehoods. "Most social scientists," he says, "were too timid to breach the formidable barriers of political correctness."

But does he not accept that even talking about the genetics of behaviour might play into the hands of those with evil, eugenic designs? "Knowledge itself can never harm humanity," he replies. "Only politics can do that."

Ten years after *Sociobiology*, with the battle for recognising that genes can play some role in behaviour largely won, he suddenly took up politics himself when he leapt aboard and began to steer the bandwagon of biodiversity. "We realised," he says, "that we scientists had a responsibility to sound the alarm about species extinction. Governments were ignoring the issue and conservation societies simply did not have the science to bring it home to people."

He wrote *The Diversity of Life*, which has become a bible to those alarmed at the rate of extinction caused by the destruction of tropical rainforests. Unlike others, Wilson was prepared to put a figure on it, guestimating from his own theories of island biogeography that 27,000 species are "doomed" by forest loss every year. Other scientists have criticised these figures, but Wilson insists that if anything they are conservative. This time political correctness is on his side.

Of all the great naturalist-biologists that have lived since Darwin's death, Wilson is the one who most resembles him. They share an insect-collecting youth. For Darwin it was beetles, for Wilson ants. They share a literary genius, writing voluminous, simple and lively prose; for both, writing is inseparable from doing science. They share a fascination with detail: Wilson's books on ants are as compendious as Darwin's on barnacles. They share a moth-like attraction to the flame of controversy, tackling the great question of human nature armed with nothing more than an entomologist's bravado.

But when asked which dead scientists he would most like to meet, Wilson does not answer Darwin. His choice is a naturalist-explorer, Alexander von Humboldt. Humboldt, he says, quoting Scott Fitzgerald, was the last man to come upon the "fresh green breast" of the new world: the first great naturalist to explore the South American rainforest, in 1800. "Tell me again about the Orinoco, I would say to him, share with me the emotional texture of that first contact with the rainforest."

But did he not experience something similar himself when he first visited the tropics? "True, I was the first person to collect ants in the New Hebrides, and I still get a special feeling when I go into the rainforest. But imagine being the first naturalist into Amazonia!"

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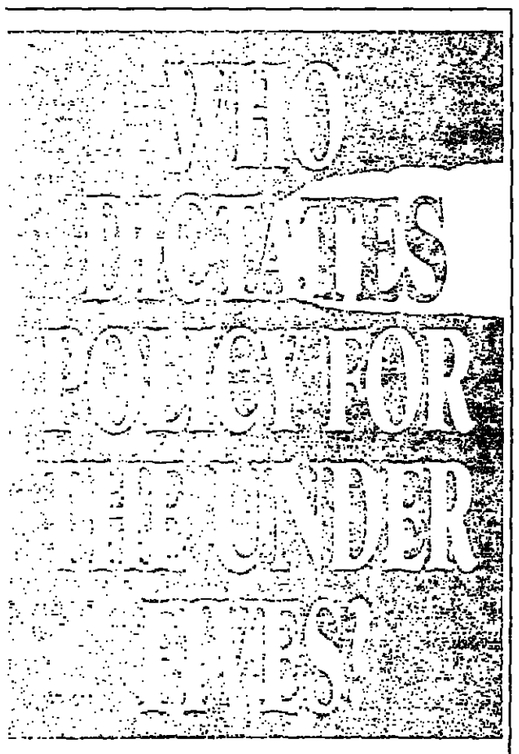
HANS CHRISTIAN HEAP

Weaver ants with a caterpillar: "The best evolutionary biologists have been naturalists. It is the royal road to success, the road Darwin took"



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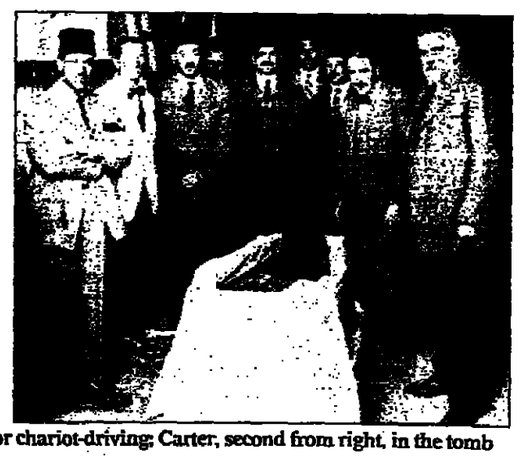
Exploring the field of the clothes of gold

Arlette Kouwenhoven on research into Tutankhamun's dress sense



Gauntlets probably used for chariot-driving; Carter, second from right, in the tomb

The tale of Tutankhamun's tomb, its discovery in the Valley of Kings by Howard Carter in 1922, the riches that were found inside, and the premature deaths met by so many of those who worked on the "cursed" site, is the stuff of archaeological folklore.

Carter's writing on the excavations ensured cult status in the annals of Egyptology for himself and his desiccated young Pharaoh: "As my eyes grew accustomed to the light, details of the room appeared slowly from the mist, strange animals, statues and gold — everywhere the glint of gold." The tomb was the richest ever found. There were ornamented gold couches, thrones, chariots, ceramics and jewellery.

There were also clothes, all but ignored until now, in huge chests, tied around statues, and scattered over the floor and furniture. Some were narrow rolls of fabric; others were elaborate ceremonial robes covered in sequins, embroidery and . . . gold.

But Carter's premature death in 1939 meant that his work got only as far as discussion of the more obviously precious finds. Now the textile-archaeologist, Dr Gillian Vogelsang-Eastwood, has subjected the fabrics to a detailed study, and early results are providing new insights into the life of the Pharaoh.

"There was a belief that nothing could be done with the clothing because of its bad condition," she says. "But that's nonsense, for we have Carter's notes, drawings and photographs to help us."

Her first move was to have the clothes copied and remade. "In order to understand the clothing," she says, "you have to wear it. When I am at home I sometimes dress like an Egyptian, and my students even wear the clothes in the streets of Leiden."

The "knitting brigade", as they became known, were mocked at first. But their achievements could not be ignored. One piece of cloth, which consisted of a tube and two circular flaps, had been described by Carter as a kind of headgear "with wings". But Dr Vogelsang-Eastwood could not make the piece stay on her head. Finally, by putting her arm through the tube, and fitting the flaps across her chest (and doing the same with the other arm) she found she was wearing an adornment similar to the symbolic wings of the falcon, which appears frequently on the Pharaonic clothing of extant paintings and reliefs.

However, the range of garments identified is relatively small. There are loincloths, bag-tunics, shawls, sashes, gauntlets, and headgear which Carter mistakenly described as "apron-shaped loincloths". There are also tiny clothes worn by Tutankhamun as a nine-year-old child king.

Perhaps the most unusual find, however, was the socks. It had always been assumed that the ancient Egyptians wore sandals on bare feet. There isn't even a word for socks in their vocabulary. But socks these are, though more in the Japanese style than the European, with a notch next to the big toe so they can be worn inside a sandal.

As a result of her investigations, Dr Vogelsang-Eastwood has established that Egyptian royalty wore clothes similar to the common people in shape and fabric (which was always linen), but with rank signified in the decoration of beads, glass and gold. Men and women wore identical clothes, solving problems of androgynity with differences in hair style, make-up, and sandals.

In his role as a priest — which required very different dress from the kingly robes — Tutankhamun was one of the first champions of imitation leopardskin. Fit only for the back seat of Ford Cortinas today, the fake pelts, made from embroidered linen, were seminal priestly attire in the second millennium before Christ. Artificial heads, made out of wood and gold, added to the authenticity of the costume.

Some things cannot be tested by recourse to contemporary sources. Scanning electron microscopes were used to study the fracture morphology of the fabrics, and showed evidence of wear and tear to suggest frequent washing of the tunics. This is not ornamental burial memorabilia, then, but clothing that covered the bodies of men and women who have been dead for more than 3,000 years.

Real insight into Egyptian life in the "New Kingdom" of 1550-1070 BC is provided by these discoveries. But time is running out to answer the questions that remain. Seventy years neglect have done nothing for the fabrics, and a lack of finances jeopardises the mission. Further research may depend on investment from business. Dr Vogelsang-Eastwood is even hoping that a fashion company might take an interest, providing revenue with a show inspired by the treasures.

For as long as finance is lacking, the last mysteries of Tutankhamun will remain unsolved. As Carter wistfully observed in his journal: "The mystery of life still eludes us, the shadows move but the dark is never quite dispersed."

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How to get the better of a Paxman

Do you want to give the perfect soundbite? Keep it light and bright

LIBBY PURVES

Do you know how to tell when a journalist is getting bored with your exposition? Look out for "a lowered head, lack of eye contact, fiddling with a pen, doodling or clasping the face with one or both hands". Or, in the case of one old colleague of mine, for the moment when he nods off completely while leaning on his elbow, and it slips off the table and causes him to crash face downwards and give himself a nasty nosebleed.

So for pity's sake, if you must go out into the marketplace and promote your message, keep your act light and bright. Memorise certain key phrases such as "Our industry is necessary to maintain the high standard of living we have all come to expect", and "Councillor Thomas is a long-serving and much respected member of the planning committee". These will serve instead of answers. Don't play with your cufflinks. Ensure that the interviewer knows who you are. If on TV, sit on the tail of your jacket lest it ride up. Avoid half-moon glasses. Remember that the newspaper reporter may be a nice person, but her editor probably isn't. Okay?

I have been immersed in the latest handbook for interviewees in the modern publicity machine. That advice is from Diana Mather, who runs a media training company, in *Surviving The Media* (Thorsons, £7.99). She has even persuaded Sir Bernard Ingham to write her an appreciative foreword. Mind you, from my shuddering memory of reporting EC summits in the early years of the Thatcher Government when he was press secretary, it would have been more appropriate to provide reporters with a manual called *Surviving Bernard Ingham*.

I digress. Ms Mather does not belong to the Ingham school of press relations and is aware that most interviewees can't afford *hauteur*. Her advice, whether on translucent face powder or embargoes, is sound. But still, it makes the heart sink. Mine, anyway. "Media training" has had that effect ever since the industry was born.

There is a terrible pathos about capable, productive, energetic grown-up people who run real industries and hold heavy responsibilities having to be told to sit up straight, memorise soundbites, do breathing exercises, and remember to eat a glucose sweet before confronting — what? Probably not a Paxman at all, but some ignorant whippersnapper who knows nothing about their profession and cares less.

When I was in my twenties and even more ignorant than I am now, I used to help out on courses for bank officials, doctors, local authority executives and industrialists. There was always something depressing about seeing an expert, a professional twice your age who handled huge budgets or saved lives, reduced to sweating and trembling just because there was a microphone or camera in the room. The sense of unfair advantage was so intense I got softer and softer on them, and eventually was not asked back.

The unfair advantage is, I suppose, all the more reason why courses are necessary. Yet the whole idea of media-friendliness as a discipline in its own right seems to push us ever further away from any real idea of constructive discourse. We all know that the best people are often disastrous on the air; the ones who write the good books, make the great discoveries or have a genius for commerce are not necessarily the ones who are good at soundbites and positive posture and keeping reporters awake.

There is, growing up invisibly in our midst, a whole tribe of vital but voiceless people. We do not know them, but we know a hundred of their glib, meretricious colleagues and are in danger of starting to think that the visible ones are the ones who matter.

In the end, because politics has become a battle of images and presenting more prestigious than manufacturing, perhaps they are. I have seen the future, and it smirks. So read this book, learn the lessons: find out what bi-media can mean to you, practise natural-looking smiles in the mirror, avoid fussy necklines, keep lists of friendly reporters however gormless. And go to the lavatory.

Unless, of course, you are like one venerable parliamentarian who once refused my own programme researcher's polite offer of an escort to the Gents with the words: "No, girl, no. I speak with more passion on a full bladder."

Margot Norman discovers how to make a drama out of a crisis at the National

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Team spirit: Geraldine Fitzgerald, left, had to step down when she hurt her leg. Joanna Myers, right, took over and gave a sparkling performance in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

A star is born, for one night only

The understudy said: "Well, that was one of those classic nights in the theatre," and leant across solicitously to adjust the ice-bag under the leading lady's aching leg. The scene in the leading lady's dressing-room the following day was classic, too, but not in the way you might expect from the tears and tantrums on stage and off in *Sunset Boulevard*.

Joanna Myers and Geraldine Fitzgerald were following a different script entirely, all modesty and National Theatre team spirit.

Miss Myers's cheeks were still pink from her triumph of the night before when, with only one more preview to go before press night, she had been bundled into Miss Fitzgerald's costume and on to the stage of the Olivier Theatre to give a sparkling, word-perfect performance as Mistress Alice Ford in Terry Hands's new production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

What an exhilarating National Theatre debut after 15 years in provincial theatre and radio drama. Half the audience didn't even realise they were watching an understudy. The only clue for those who did not pick up the discreet substitution slip on their way in was that the dress was made for somebody taller.

Miss Fitzgerald was elated, too, because the physiotherapist had just told her she could safely reclaim her role that night without damaging her injured leg (she tore a muscle dancing with glee after shutting Falstaff in the laundry basket). Miss Myers, for whom this news meant relegation after her one night of glory to the role of an anonymous townswoman, managed splendidly not to look as if she had just been dumped by the emotional seesaw.

I asked Joanna Myers her age, and she said 36. Geraldine Fitzgerald looked astonished: "God, you can't be! You look about 16 on stage." Myers said it was awful, she couldn't help looking young and it was often such a disadvantage with casting directors. "I wish I could grow a few more of these," said she, flourishing an invisible grey hair. "Darling, don't knock it," advised Fitzgerald, before bemoaning her own tendency to be typecast as a *femme fatale* on account of being tall, dark and . . . eh . . . "striking?" suggested Myers. "By the way," said Fitzgerald, "the lovely soprano I hear in the chorus, is that you?" Myers confessed, yes, it very likely was.

Although the two actresses had never met before this production, the leading lady said she recognised her understudy's name from radio drama. She wouldn't allow that anyone might have heard of *her* though, despite her substantial track-record at the National, the RSC and in the West End: "Anyone who claims to have done so is thinking of the American Geraldine Fitzgerald, who's about 80. I hadn't heard of Richard McCabe and he hadn't heard of me before we found ourselves playing husband and wife in the *Merry Wives*, so we have a joke about being total nonentities apart from Denis Quilley, who plays Falstaff. There is no star trip at all on this show, it's a true ensemble piece and *everyone* is part of the company."

Joanna Myers once abseiled *into a monstrously deep black* cave in California, and felt she was doing so again last Tuesday night. "At the end, though, you're left with what the psychologist Maslow calls a 'peak experience', which is what we're all searching for in life. We die without them, that's why we become actors."

Fitzgerald nodded, having had a similar experience at Stratford while understudying for Penny Downey in the double role of Hermione/Perdita in *The Winter's Tale*. Downey retrieved the role after just one night's absence, too, and what's more did so with her leg in plaster (you couldn't do that in this show: the entire cast is in perpetual lively motion). "It's like getting a permanent short straw being an understudy. You always have to be on standby."

Tuesday night was a tough experience for Fitzgerald. "I felt as if I was playing truant, *passing through a deserted* stage door and getting home in time for the *9 O'Clock News*. I was tempted to stay and watch Joanna, but it wouldn't have been cricket. I wrecked an ankle in a show many moons ago by going on and doing all that 'the show must go on' nonsense, and I wrecked my voice by going on with a throat infection. When you have the luxury of an understudy you realise you'd be a mug to do it again, because you can live with an injury for months, long after the play has become history."

Time for the leading lady to go and get frocked up. She disappeared down the corridor, still hobbling badly, and like a fool I wondered aloud if *the leg would hold out*. "Oh don't say that!" . . . the understudy looked stricken. "I've just about calmed down and I don't want to have to psyche myself up again."

She did her best to show me out, but it was no good. We were lost, bamboozled by corridors full of identical green doors. Behind each was a confusing mixture of rural Elizabethan fashion and fur coats for the weasels from the Wild Wood. Despite 15 years in the business, Joanna Myers looked like a new girl at *school*.

The National Theatre is a bit like a new school, actually. "They have their ways of doing things here, and you have to learn them. And to be honest, being an understudy is quite a shock to one's ego."

It must be, indeed, be a comedown after playing Ibsen heroines, as she has done. "But still they take the understudy run-through seriously here. Somebody might just say 'well, she's been around for some time but she's only just joined the company, we'll let her read for something else'."

Mother Russia marches on Moscow

Richard Beeston reports on the second front that is putting the Kremlin's generals to shame

On a frosty morning in the Russian capital a well dressed middle-aged woman recently stunned Moscow's grey-faced commuters by doing the unthinkable. Approaching a locked door at the entrance to the imposing white façade of the Defence Ministry she banged on the window of the guardroom shouting: "Where is my son? Give him back to me."

Her protests were ignored by the shamefaced officers hidden behind the entrance gate, but the act symbolised the growing sense of anger and frustration among a cross-section of Russian society who are trying to stop their children dying in the war in Chechenia.

Although Russian men have traditionally gone into battle for Mother Russia, this time Russia's mothers want their boys to stay at home and are fighting against the once powerful military establishment. Dressed in neat fur hats, woolly scarves and winter coats, the mothers make an unlikely force. However, their street protests and media campaigns, including tips to help soldiers to desert from their units, are beginning to have some success. So far, an estimated 3,000 teenage soldiers have been spirited out of their units by anxious parents, some of them taken away from *their frontline positions*.

In one amazing episode a group of some 35 women crossed Russian and Chechen front lines to enter the besieged Chechen capital Grozny looking for their captured sons. Their only protection against fierce bombardment was a hand-painted banner stretched across their bus which read: "Soldiers, don't kill your mothers."

Tatyana Znachkova, a volunteer at the Committee for the Mothers of Russian Soldiers, said that this sort of courage was typical. "When Yeltsin declared his war in Chechenia we declared our war on him," she said.

The organisation, based in a small, crowded office in a side-street near the Lubyanka, the former KGB headquarters, was formed five years ago in response to the appalling conditions for conscripts in the army. Bullying and beatings have become routine, fatal accidents are common and the majority of Russian teenage boys try to evade the draft.

A furious mother confronts a Russian militiaman

Today the office has become a place of pilgrimage for anxious parents from across Russia hoping to find out what *has become of their children*. "The authorities will not tell me anything because they say my boy is in a special unit," said one distraught parent from the northern city of Murmansk. "In his last letter he said they were preparing to send him to Grozny. I know for a fact he has only had three weeks' training. If he goes in there he will be butchered."

Tamara Shakhanovo travelled two days by train to Moscow to receive news of her 19-year-old son, who is serving as a private with the Interior Ministry troops. "There are lo of us heading down to Chechenia tomorrow," she said. "If I see him, I will try to bring him home. I don't want him killed for a stupid war."

Her sentiments are quickly echoed by other tearful parents who, like the rest of the country, have been stunned by the daily television broadcasts showing the devastation of Grozny, the heavy loss of life and the grim existence of Russian troops living under canvas in the freezing winter.

Sensitive to accusations that it has mistreated the young conscripts, the army first responded by threatening to prosecute the missing soldiers and their parents on charges of desertion, which carry lengthy prison terms and even the death penalty.

However, when intimidation did not work, the army was forced for the first time in its history to defend itself in public. This week, for instance, Colonel-General Vladimir Churanov told reporters, at a well-rehearsed press conference in Moscow, that contrary to reports troops in the field were properly fed and well treated. He even put on an elaborate show when young soldiers in freshly issued uniforms extolled the virtues of their equipment, the warmth of their clothing and the tastiness of their rations. The display, however, was probably too late to placate the nation's fearful army of mothers, who seem determined to make sure that those responsible are made to pay.

This month the Duma, the lower house of the Russian parliament, is due to consider a no-confidence motion against General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, who is blamed for bungling the unpopular war. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the motion against him was proposed by the Women of Russia party.

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Matthew Parris

■ Our jury system has a distinctive capacity to make decisions that are wrong in law but right in common sense

Unlike judges, a British jury can ignore *the facts, overlook* statute and brush precedent aside. The distinctive contribution of our jury system is its capacity not to apply the *law but to make decisions* that are wrong in law — but right in common sense or common sentiment. They act both as a remedy for *hard cases, and an early* warning for laws that have gone adrift of the spirit of their age.

Astonishing is the impact of *Private Lee Clegg's life* sentence, and wondrous the speed with which MPs have become instant experts on when a soldier may or may *not open fire. Within a* week, terms such as "yellow card" are bandied about as though we had all grown up with the lingo. One MP has *tried to secure an emergency* debate, another has raised the affair during Prime Minister's Questions, and many have signed an *early day motion supporting* Clegg. As I write, scores will be opining on the matter at social functions in their constituencies. In this, MPs (like newspaper editors) are acting as substitutes for the jury which, in Clegg's case, never sat.

Imagine yourself a backbench MP. For you, this is one of those happy occasions *that permits the* rapid incubation of a passionate opinion on an issue of principle *whose elements seem easy* to grasp, and whose facts can be expressed plainly. Throw in a few terms of art, a two-page course in Teach Yourself Martial Law and a conversation with someone who was once a soldier, and *you are ready to face the* worst the Little Snidding Conservative Branch's winter warmer mulled wine 'n' ginger snaps evening reception (*kind permission of* Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Lionel Grunt, and Lady Grunt) can throw at you. You will defer, of course, to the *Grunt view, from which* you will have already ensured that your own does not substantially differ.

Probably the last time you *had such reliable fun was* just before Christmas, when retired miner Ted Newbery was sued successfully for damages after he had shot a *thief prowling outside his* garden allotment shed in Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The thief was awarded £4,000. The nation was outraged. *There was no jury.*

It is not hard to guess our imagined backbencher's view on the Newbery case or the Clegg affair. And a third trial has reached its conclusion this past week: *again, Little Snidding can* be fairly confident of the tenor of its MP's advice. At Sheffield Crown Court "old soldier" Ben Lyon, 73, has *been acquitted of attempted* murder or unlawful wounding after he had shot in the face someone he suspected of stealing old railway lines, near his allotment. Mr Newbery, who said he did not know what Britain was *coming to, insisted on* standing to attention to give evidence. After the verdict, the police expressed sympathy with the old soldier but *suggested that people* should really not go around shooting each other. This view will be received with a collective snort at Little *Snidding. It was a British* jury which acquitted Lyon. So would Little Snidding. *Sun* readers collected funds to pay Mr Newbery's costs.

As we sip the mulled wine, we award (I guess) one out of three to the British legal system. It was right to free Lyon, wrong to *imprison Clegg and wrong* to make Newbery pay. A *Sheffield jury acquitted* Lyon and a Nottingham jury had previously acquitted Newbery of the criminal charge. In Clegg's case, no jury ever sat. *So if our legal* system scores one out of three, juries score full *marks. Only where there* has been no jury have things gone (in the public mind) wrong.

Yet the closer you look at *the law and the facts as* presented to the court in Clegg's and Newbery's case, the harder it becomes *to argue that the* wrong decision in law was reached.

> When the law is an ass, jurors have the chance to say so

No judge, learned in *statute, precedent* and legal reasoning is *likely* to cast aside the discipline in which *his career is rooted, or em*brace the argument which raises a cheer in Ilkeston High Street. No judge should be asked to. I, too, *have no brief for old or* young soldiers with guns. They will be judged by their *maker. But between the first* judgment and the last lies Ilkeston, *Sheffield, Little* Snidding and the readers of *The Sun*, and I think we *need to keep them on board.* Only a British jury can be relied upon for the necessary, vulgar indifference to the facts.

*Nor should liberals as*sume the results will only be reactionary. The offence of homosexual importuning is becoming harder to prose*cute because juries have* stopped assuming that the "purpose" (as the Section puts it) for which someone might smile twice at some*one else is necessarily "im*moral". The law intended juries to assume the immorality of any homosexual purpose, but modern *juries won't. They are giv*ing a signal, thereby, to lawmakers.

But when the law's an ass, a British jury is offered a licensed and polite opportunity to say so. Jurors may *assert — what those, how*ever distinguished, within a legal discipline might be ashamed to boast — that the law is sometimes best ig*nored. The finest and most* important achievements of our jury system occur when it insists on a conclusion that is probably wrong in law.

One of the great foreign correspondents died last week. A former Editor comes to praise him

The happy legacy of Louis Heren

The Times is 210 years old this year. Throughout its history, the paper has been able to attract and retain the loyalty of some great journalists, many of them for the whole of their professional lives. Louis Heren, who died last Thursday, was the outstanding example of such a *Times* journalist in *his period on the staff, which lasted* for nearly 50 years, from 1933 to 1981. He was certainly the leading foreign and war correspondent of the period from 1950 to 1970, a man of equal courage in covering war zones, including Korea and the Malaan emergency, or confronting governments. He angered Chancellor Adenauer and General Templer about equally. In the 1970s, he was an *absolutely staunch deputy editor* through the difficult period of the long stoppage and the sale of the paper by the Thomson family.

When I became Editor in 1967, *Louis was already established as the* Washington correspondent. He was only nine years older than I was, but had joined *The Times* as a messenger when he was 14, so he had already *been connected with The Times* for well over 30 yeas. Washington in the Lyndon Johnson years was probably the happiest time of his whole career; his wife, to whom he was devoted, *had not yet fallen ill; he enjoyed being* a foreign correspondent more than he *did the office work that falls to a* deputy editor. He liked the independence he enjoyed in Washington, was fascinated by the operation of American power, then at its height, and *always delighted in the company of* Americans.

Louis Heren had exceptional access to the Lyndon Johnson White House. The President was extremely *suspicious of the journalists whom he* thought had been too close to the Kennedys, whom he classed collectively as "Georgetown intellectuals". Most of the other leading British correspondents had been close to the Anglophile Kennedy team, particularly Henry Brandon, Louis Heren's opposite number on *The Sunday Times* and a family friend of the *Kennedys who had played tennis* with John F. Kennedy when he was still a young senator. Louis did not *live in Georgetown and he did not see* himself as an intellectual. Johnson regarded him as a connection to the press who was free of the Kennedy taint. There was also a robustness *about the two men's characters that* made them sympathetic to each other.

Louis Heren was very proud of his origins, although he was sometimes suspicious that other people might look down on them. He had Germanic blood, Basque blood and cockney blood. He had been brought up poor, but not very poor. His father, who died when he was young, had been in printing. His mother ran a small café, which always made some money when other people in the East End were unemployed. He could show the fierceness of the self-educated, like Ernest Bevin. He *prided himself on the directness of* his approach.

This created a certain initial wariness in his approach to me. He had felt great loyalty to the Astor proprietorship, but had come to feel that a new proprietor was necessary, and welcomed the Thomson purchase in 1966, as he was to welcome the Murdoch purchase in 1981. He was a realist about newspapers. He gave me his loyalty as the new Editor, but was somewhat uneasy that I might prove a Balliol intellectual. He saw me as a leader writer, and therefore a *journalist of opinion — not as good as* an honest reporter. He feared that a Somerset landowner might prove to be as susceptible to the Establishment as Geoffrey Dawson — a Yorkshire landowner — had been at the time of Munich.

There was also a difference of *temperament. I grew up in Somerset*

William Rees-Mogg

with an almost Japanese desire to save other's people's face.

As Editor, I seldom turned down my colleagues' suggestions in a direct way. If I said: "That is a very interesting idea, but I see some problems," *that meant "No". Louis'* directness and my indirectness seldom clashed on the merit of a decision, but I remember him leaving my office and asking my secretary: *"Did William's 'Yes' mean 'Yes', or* did it mean 'No'?"

After he came back in 1970 to be the deputy editor in charge of foreign coverage, Louis came down to Somerset to stay with us. He had always seen that Gillian, my wife, was a realist, as he was — *and that had* partly reassured him.

It was, however, his meeting with *my mother, and his appreciation that* she was an American of the type he admired most, that sealed our relationship. I am not quite sure what parts of our ancestry thereafter spoke to each other, perhaps *his Basque to* my Irish American, but we worked well together for more than ten years.

I greatly admired Louis and would have liked him to become Editor, which was *his great ambition. I never* thought it likely to happen, if only because he was nearly ten years older than I was, and it seemed probable that my eventual successor would be *younger than I was — in fact* Harold Evans was my age, but he was soon succeeded by Charles Douglas-Home, who belonged to the next generation of *Times* journalists.

When The Times was sold in 1981, I told Rupert Murdoch that I did not wish to go on. In fact, I thought that a new proprietor ought to have a new Editor, while from my own point of *view I felt that 14 years had been* more than long enough. There were three probable candidates for the succession — Evans, who was then Editor of *The Sunday Times*, Louis *Heren and Charles Douglas-Home,* who was in effect the number three on *The Times*. Like Louis, Charles had experience as a war correspondent; he, too, had played an active and firm role in the great stoppage.

I consulted the senior editors, and found, not to my surprise, that most of them felt Louis was *at that point* too old — he was already over 60. A small majority wanted Charles Douglas-Home, who did, indeed, become Editor within a year. His early death was a great loss to *The Times*. Evans, who was *only narrow*ly second, was, in fact, chosen. I was in favour of the appointment of Charles: events proved *that* was the right choice for *The Times*.

Louis was deeply disappointed, and felt grief at the loss. It would have been a wonderful life story, *from* messenger boy to Editor. He would have been a good Editor; he was a great correspondent, a good writer, and a strong and honest man. But he was more of a working journalist *by nature* than an Editor, always happiest when following a story. The editorship would have come to him at the wrong time; up to a point he recognised that — he felt the pain of *missing the opportu*nity very acutely, but without bitterness. He knew that I had not supported his claim, but accepted that it was reasonable to recommend a younger man.

Louis Heren had most of the journalist's essential skills, including *the power of narrative*, which is so rare. He had not read Dickens in vain. *His books are very good* — much better than most journalists' books. He was a wholly loyal *Times* man. He was a good friend. But the most important memory is his courage, both *the immediate courage of* his work as a war correspondent, and the deeper longer-term courage of his life as a tough-minded seeker for truth. So long as *The Times* can command the loyalty of such journalists, it will have a future worthy of the paper's long history.

A clash of party and country

John Major is playing a risky tactical game with Europe, says **Peter Riddell**

John Major and Douglas Hurd: shifts in attitude towards Brussels have been signalled

John Major believes that a shift in a Euro-sceptic direction is necessary to keep his party together before the next election. But that is incompatible with his claim of four years ago *that Britain* should be "at the heart of Europe". Britain could yet again be on the outside, on the defensive over the future of Europe.

Last Thursday's Cabinet discussion was symbolic. The sceptics did not stage a coup, nor was there a *great split between them and the pro*-Europeans. That is what was so significant. Opinion in the Tory party has been moving in a sceptical direction for the past 18 months. A *shift has repeatedly been signalled by* John Major, while Douglas Hurd has stressed his opposition to major constitutional changes at next year's inter-governmental conference.

What happened on Thursday was that a wide range of ministers argued that a preliminary paper from the Foreign Secretary did not go far enough and they urged further *proposals to limit the power of* European Union institutions.

The *real story is not about the* familiar views of the five confirmed Euro-sceptics, but rather the change in position of *many of the previously* committed pro-Europeans. Their *rationalisation, and that of Mr* Major, is that the Maastricht battles marked a turning point, the high tide of federalism and centralism.

Political leaders in Europe did *have a fright as a result of the close* vote in France, the Danish referendum, the prolonged parliamentary battles in Britain and the ruling of the German constitutional court. As *Jacques Delors recognised in not* standing for the French presidency, there is little immediate chance of building a European federal state. Other governments are now talking about subsidiarity and are aware of *the need to change the EU to take* account of enlargement.

But there is still a big gulf between the views of Mr Major and most other European leaders. This is illustrated not only by the renewed commitment to early monetary union made by Jacques Santer, the new Commission President, on Saturday, but also by the comments of French and German leaders. They have not suddenly become sceptics. For all the perennial Foreign Office *claims* about winning allies in the rest of Europe, or of splitting France and Germany, there are no signs of a cross-European sceptical alliance, *or of a London-Paris axis against* Bonn. They remain committed to a "social Europe" and few would bet *against Germany and France* moving towards a single currency within a few years.

That presents the Cabinet pro-Europeans with an acute dilemma. Many are *indulging in wishful* thinking, claiming a larger shift in views elsewhere in Europe than has really occurred. Some, such as Michael Heseltine, claim that there has been no real change in the British approach of a vigorous assertion of *national interests within the EU. But* that involves a rewriting of what was said at the time of Margaret Thatcher's downfall in 1990. The Heseltine campaign was, in large part, strongly *pro-European against what was pre*sented as her harmful negative approach. The arrival of Mr Major was supposed to mark a change.

Other pro-Europeans, such as Kenneth Clarke, argue that closer integration between Britain and the rest of Europe has not been ruled out. Mr Clarke, who will be making a big speech on the subject in ten days' time, still favours eventual European *monetary union, while his economic* policies are consistent with that goal. But the sceptics want to close this option, and Mr Major has recently hardened his opposition to British involvement *in any single currency* formed in 1997.

Whatever the rationalisations, government policy has moved in a sceptical direction. This is partly a *matter of emphasis: the balance* between national and Community powers. *The Cabinet majority has not* been converted to the sceptics' belief in a free-trade area. But since Mr Major has shifted, the rest have gone along. They know which way opinion is going in the Conservative Party, and they are not going to buck the trend if they want to advance their careers. They do not believe that there is much support in the party for a strongly pro-European position. The biggest threat to unity comes from the sceptics rather than from the pro-Europeans, although recent stories about a tilt in the sceptical direction did yesterday produce warnings *about the dangers of British isolation* in Europe, not just from Sir Edward Heath, but also from leading backbenchers such as Sir Peter Hordern and Tim Renton.

With the exception of Mr Clarke and John Gummer, the pro-Europeans in the Cabinet have been ineffective, always promising to make speeches that they seldom deliver. Until recently, pro-Europeans in the City and industry have been largely invisible, temperamentally averse to *rocking the boat.*

Some Cabinet pro-Europeans privately accept that Britain could be on a separate track *from an inner core of coun*tries led by France and Germany. They acknowledge that Britain will lose influence but that it will just have to make the best of being in the outer group. *In political terms, Mr Major* thinks the Tories can differentiate themselves from federalist Labour and Liberal Democrats. Tony Blair calculates that Labour will not suffer in the long term from being seen to be positive, rather than negative, about Europe.

Mr Major is a *shrewd political* tactician. He is constrained by sharp *internal party divisions.* A truce, let alone unity, will be hard to achieve. No wonder he wants to avoid a referendum on Europe for as long as possible for fear of reopening these *wounds. Some of his shift is admit*tedly more in rhetoric than substance. But the risk is that by not putting the positive case for British participation in the EU, the Govern*ment will forfeit influence* over the central decisions. The unity of the Tory party and Britain's national interests are again in conflict.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Royal approval

IT HAS been a difficult weekend for John Kennedy, Prince Michael of Kent's private secretary, at the centre of a blackmail investigation involving an exiled Libyan prince. *There is little sign, however, that* Kennedy has lost favour in royal circles — indeed, there is talk that he could soon marry into them.

The former Conservative Party researcher has been dating Princess Lavinia of Yugoslavia, a friendly soul whom he has known for many years. The couple are pictured in next month's *Tatler*

John Kennedy and the princess

supping champagne — friends believe they are all but engaged.

Their marriage would firmly cement Kennedy's royal connections because Princess Lavinia is *directly related to his boss, Prince* Michael. Her mother is his first cousin. The princess is also stepsister to the late Prince Christopher of Yugoslavia, who was killed last summer while on the island of Islay where he was working as a primary school teacher. Prince Christopher was the Duke of Edinburgh's godson and great nephew.

Kennedy, who will be back at Kensington Palace today, refused to comment yesterday on his relationship with Princess Lavinia, but one friend of the couple said: "He has escorted her to Ascot and all sorts of places. They have been very close for at least two or three years."

● *Jon Sopel's biography of Tony Blair, entitled* The Moderniser, *suggests that it is not just wife Cherie who has had an image makeover. The hall of their north London home has been "lavishly redone with wallpaper that gives the impression of a house made of stone columns. And the threadbare carpets have been replaced by trendy hessian matting."*

DIARY

Held in trust

VIVIENNE Westwood, the fashion designer who went to a Kensington Palace dinner wearing a see-through dress and no underwear, seems to have been welcomed back into royal circles.

The Prince of Wales's Scottish Business Trust holds up Westwood as a role model for the entrepreneurs it supports. "Be the next Vivienne Westwood. Be outrageous. Be flamboyant," screams the headline in the trust's latest advertisement. Westwood was, of course, responsible for the design of a Sex Pistols T-shirt that featured Her Majesty sporting a safety pin through her nose.

● *Notice placed in the local parish magazine by a vicar in Transvaal: "I shall be away for the next few Sundays. During my absence the preachers will be found pinned on the church notice board. All marriages, births and deaths must be postponed until I return."*

Dogged life

WHEN he's not having his ear bent about veal, William Waldegrave is getting grief from dog-owners. At a dinner last week in London, Raymond Seitz, the former American Ambassador to the Court of St James's and owner of three dogs, told him the quarantine laws were too strict.

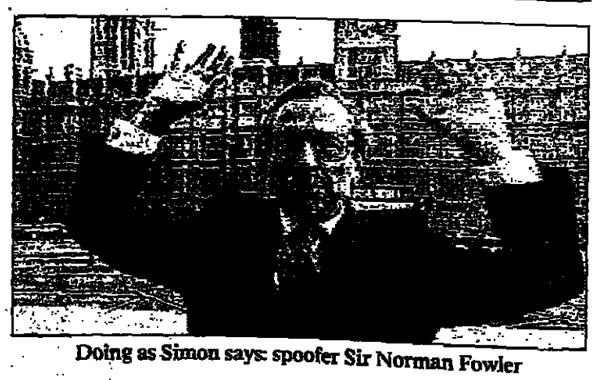
Seitz explained that, because of his different postings, his dogs had been in quarantine three times and he thought six months' isolation too long. Waldegrave was unbending, but his wife did offer some solace. "Don't worry," she said. "It will all be over in two years — that's when Chris Patten will be back from Hong Kong and he's unlikely to endure putting his two dogs, Whisky and Soda, through the process."

Busby's return

THE LATE Sir Matt Busby is to return to Manchester United. The club that banned Eric Cantona after his kick-boxing lunge at a spectator has commissioned a bronze statue of the legendary team manager. It will go on display at *Old Trafford, the United ground,* by the end of the year.

Since he never met Busby, nor had any contact with United until last November, the sculptor Philip Jackson has relied on archive material: "He's such a folk hero up in Manchester. He's larger than life."

The sculpture will reflect this — it will be one-and-a-half times lifesize and will weigh two tons. This *should help Jackson to prepare for* his next commission: a bronze of Luciano Pavarotti.



Doing as Simon says: spoofer Sir Norman Fowler

Crying Fowler

TWO PILLARS of the Conservative *Party have decided to share their* thoughts on Central Office. Sir Norman Fowler, the former chairman, is captured on a video spoof, lightheartedly hailing the resignations of *David Mellor, Norman* Lamont and Tim Yeo as the "great PR triumphs" of his time in office. Jeremy Hanley talks longingly of Claudia Schiffer. Fowler and Hanley then proceed to jump around to the tune "Simon Says". The video was shown at a party last week to mark the departure of Simon Brooke, the Tories' broadcasting officer, to become a *male model.*

Hanley's contribution is most extraordinary. "If Simon gets me tickets to see Claudia Schiffer, I could just about live with it," he says. "He's a very lucky man. He is out of here [Central Office]. He is with those beautiful ladies for the rest of his life. Simon, *help*... help."

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HOW TO DECENTRALISE

Local government is not always best

The Government is set for a rough ride in the Commons on Wednesday over its planned spending levels for local authorities in the next financial year. The proposed grant from Whitehall to town halls — the "Aggregate External Finance", which does not include council tax revenues — is up by only 1.2 per cent to £34.7 billion. Many are already describing this settlement as the toughest in 20 years.

The budgeted settlement is undoubtedly tough. Yet the implication that, in setting such limits, the Government is interfering unreasonably in local democracy reflects a serious misassumption about the structure of government in this country. It has become a political commonplace to claim that power has been arbitrarily centralised in the last 15 years and that the rights of local government have been wantonly eroded. This allegation depends for most of its force on the premise that local governance was effectively decentralised before 1979. But this is not so.

For centuries, Britain has been more of a unitary state than a federation of autonomous districts. Where local authority has established itself, it has done so with the express permission of central government. Between the Elizabethan Poor Law Acts and the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835, Parliament carved out quite specific and limited tasks for local governors. The latter law made clear the *ultra vires* principle that local government existed only to put into practice principles set out in statute. In 1871, the Royal Sanitary Commission described British local government as "local administration under central superintendence".

In the course of this century, the burden of central subsidy has been added to the task of central superintendence. Most local spending is now paid for by the taxpayer — a key feature of our democracy which is too often forgotten. This accounts in large part for the efforts in the last 15 years to control local spending, ranging from the rate-cap to the poll tax and compulsory competitive tendering of local services. About 80 per cent of local spending in 1995-6 will be distributed from the centre. In practice, the annual vote in the Commons approving the central grant is the key event in the town hall calendar.

Those who support devolution must recognise what they are up against. The centralisation of power in the British state is historic and structural rather than recent and party political. One way to address this problem would be to reduce drastically the central grant to local government and give local taxpayers much greater freedom to pay money as they saw fit. Many of Newt Gingrich's supporters in America are proposing a similar shift of responsibility from federal government to individual states. Yet such plans would be much easier to implement under the American constitution than they are to envisage under the British one. The unhappy history of the poll tax suggests how vigorous the opposition would be in this country to such a fundamental change.

As Daniel Finkelstein argues today on our Agenda page, there are ways of making local services more accountable and responsive to consumers other than through the ballot box. Parental choice in education is one; the puchaser-provider split in healthcare is another; so is contracting out of services; so is the Citizen's Charter. The unqualified claim that Britain is being taken over by an unelected "quangocracy" reflects lazy thinking; it fails to acknowledge the enormous differences between the various agencies which have been set up in the last 15 years to reform local governance. This is not to say that all are working satisfactorily. But it is time to acknowledge that true decentralisation is not something that lies in the past; on the contrary, it is a goal to which politicians are only now beginning to aspire.

MEXICAN WAVES

A key congressional vote for America's neighbour

The chances that the United States Congress will approve the Administration's proposal for a $40 billion loan guarantee for Mexico are fading by the day. A date for the vote has repeatedly been delayed. The resurgent Republican Congress is beginning to question the terms of the deal. The pro-union wing of the Democratic Party, unreconciled to the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), is making common cause with neo-isolationist Republican congressmen, who have little sympathy for the prickly neighbour south of the border. Republican newcomers especially, in their zeal for budget cuts, refuse to distinguish between a loan and a government handout. A diminished President Clinton has barely dented public opinion with his unconvincing support for the deal.

A failure to pass the package would have catastrophic consequences — for Mexico, for Nafta, for the Clinton Administration and, within a fairly short time, for American business. The Administration has done its best to give warning of the likely effect. Mexico has recently overtaken Japan to become the second largest US export market after Canada. A collapse of its economy would have a direct impact on scores of American companies that have taken advantage of Nafta to set up manufacturing and retailing outlets there. The loss of confidence could spread to other emerging markets. It would certainly lead to a surge in illegal immigration.

Mr Clinton's lobbying has met indifference. The more his officials argue that the loan is in America's own interest, is guaranteed by Mexico's oil exports and is vital for the political reforms and economic liberalisation Washington wants to encourage, the more they irk the Congress. House Speaker Newt Gingrich still remains committed to a rescue plan; but he and a growing number of senators want to attach strings. They want tighter Mexican curbs on drug smuggling and illegal immigration; they want a renegotiation of elements of Nafta seen harming American labour markets; and they are pushing for the sale of the state-owned Pemex oil company to allow American companies a stake.

Such conditions have provoked a visceral anti-American reaction in Mexico. The old guard of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party is already unhappy at the slight to Mexican pride in having to go cap in hand to Washington. Its members feel threatened by the proposed political reforms of President Zedillo which ought, after 66 years of institutional autocracy, to open up politics to democratisation, transparency and cleaner dealing. They are waiting to sabotage the reforms, hoping to enlist the disgruntled middle classes who have seen their new wealth disappear overnight, who can no longer afford American luxuries and who blame the new President for an inept handling of the peso's devaluation.

President Zedillo is in an impossible situation. He must keep interest rates extremely high to keep fickle foreign investment; but the longer he does so, the more small businesses he ruins. He cannot make concessions to the Americans on immigration or Nafta without sabotaging his own political base — in a year when he has five difficult provincial elections to fight. He has one possible way out: he could, quixotically, mitigate the damage from a congressional rebuff by himself turning down the proffered loan. The threat might increase his leverage on Capitol Hill — at the risk of a further massive devaluation and domestic turmoil. In the end, Congress may see the wider picture and pass the necessary legislation. But it will be a close-run thing.

ACADEMICALLY INCORRECT

Scholarly works should not be tailored to political fads

History has always been the most vulnerable discipline, abused by nations to justify wars and condone aggression. Totalitarian societies have traditionally rewritten the past to obliterate the presumed dissent of those whose example could rally opposition. Democratic societies have a better record of protecting impartial analysis and learning from past errors and crimes. Only an ideology as malign as Communism or Nazism demands the falsification of history. Western societies have assumed. They are wrong. Intolerance is ever waiting to ambush the past — even at Oxford, as the case of Professor John Vincent illustrates so alarmingly.

Professor Vincent is a distinguished historian at Bristol University. He is also a leading thinker on the political Right, who in 1986 was forced to take a year's absence from his teaching after left-wing demonstrators disrupted his lectures. In 1992 he was commissioned to write a survey on the development of history as a discipline. But after an apparent tiff over early drafts of the text with the publishers, Oxford University Press, the project was suddenly dropped. Mr Vincent's crime, it seems, was that he would not rewrite history to conform to the ideology of the times. His book was not written in the "inclusive" language that is gender neutral; he had not taken into account the modern principles that feminist historians have brought to the subject; and he had failed to appreciate the importance of social history — an interpretation dear to all Marxist hearts. In short, he was a right-wing chauvinist, insensitive to the new politically correct culture.

If this case had blown up at a liberal arts college in California three years ago, British academics would have given a bemused shrug. Oxford, it has been assumed, is impregnable to the assaults of fad and foible. Yet political correctness is a force all the more insidious because it pretends to liberalism and tolerance: the greater inclusion of women, the acknowledgement of the worth and achievement of minorities and other races, the refusal to condemn.

Last year there were attempts to turn the D-Day commemorations into some Euro-friendly festival of reconciliation. Last week the Smithsonian Institution in Washington was finally rebuffed in its proposal to mount an exhibition of the bombing of Hiroshima which portrayed the Japanese as the war's victims and the Americans as ruthless aggressors — even quartering the estimate of American casualties in an invasion of Japan to make the bombing appear all the more gratuitous. All such revisionism is pernicious. But extension to historiography widens the boundaries of the new intolerance. OUP, and its university governing body, must not conspire in this new vandalism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Advice to Lord Chief Justice on speeding courts' work

From Mr Christopher Frazer

Sir, Everyone shares the admirable mission of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, to reduce costs and delay in the courts (report, January 25). But one aspect of his reforms — that more statements and submissions are committed to paper — will simply make matters worse.

The last decade has seen a growing insistence that witness statements stand as evidence-in-chief. The consequence is that highly paid lawyers spend incomparably more hours on the preparation of elegantly phrased statements than they formerly devoted to proofs of evidence for counsel's use as a basis for examination-in-chief.

Clients pay more, delays get longer; and the ascertainment of truth becomes harder, because the judge no longer observes a witness telling his own story in his own words.

English civil procedure needs a bonfire of this paper mountain if speedy, inexpensive justice is to be achieved.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER FRAZER
(Chairman, Editorial Board, *Counsel Magazine*),
2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.
January 25.

From Professor Karl Mackie

Sir, In all the newspaper commentary on the Lord Chief Justice's direction to lawyers to "cut out the waffle", a more important culture change has gone unnoticed. The new direction requires lawyers to consult clients and the other party on whether the action can be resolved by alternative dispute resolution *before trial*.

It thus commits lawyers and their clients to active review of mediation and other alternatives to battling through the courts, raising the prospect, in time, of costs awards against parties for procrastination and deliberate intransigence, and of negligence actions against lawyers who do not advise effectively on mediation.

This is a significant shift in the legal system and a welcome counter-weight to the traditional adversarial training of lawyers. A well conducted mediation is the best recipe I know for streamlining legal waffle.

Yours faithfully,
KARL MACKIE
(Chief Executive), CEDR
(Centre for Dispute Resolution),
100 Fetter Lane, EC4.
January 26.

From Mr Graham Pressler

Sir, The present length of legal submissions might be curbed if judges were a little less indulgent. What must not happen is for a level of intolerance to be reached where judges refuse to hear submissions purely because the stopwatch has run out of time.

Time-efficient judges who have read the witness statements in advance and only seek to clarify points or deal with cross-examination are not unknown. But witnesses as to fact are often the turning point in a trial, and some are less than truthful. There is no better way of forming a view as to the accuracy of the evidence than actually hearing it.

One of the main reasons for delays in justice is that we simply do not have enough judges, and over-listing will in part be alleviated by the new proposals; but listing officers have for too long been trying to get a quart into a pint pot. Hopefully those responsible for the financing of the justice system will eventually realise that the cost of cancelled trials is far more than the salary of a judge.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM PRESSLER,
Graham Pressler & Co (solicitors),
74 Wrawby Street,
Brigg, South Humberside.
January 25.

From Dr Peter Gray

Sir, In Law Times today Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC, the newly appointed chairman of the Bar Council, is approvingly described by one of his colleagues at the commercial Bar as "superb, absolutely tenacious — the sort who fights every corner for his client".

In the same issue of your newspaper you report a survey by a City law firm which concludes that big firms wish to cut the cost and delay of civil justice by curbing barristers' speeches and limiting the length of trials.

Does this not illustrate our ambivalent attitude towards our adversarial legal system? Clients want their lawyers to leave no stone unturned in the fight for justice, but do not want to accept the practical consequences.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GRAY (barrister),
Stour Chambers, Barton Mill House,
Barton Mill Road, Canterbury, Kent.
January 24.

Politicians' partners

From Baroness Jay of Paddington and Baroness Mallalieu of Studdridge, QC

Sir, Libby Purves (article, January 23) is quite right. Let's hope her sensibly angry column on politicians' partners puts an end to the misguided, and insulting, criticism of Cherie Booth for pursuing her profession in accordance with its rules. Rules which require barristers in her field to accept work on a "cab rank" principle.

Women involved in politics are always the victims of irrelevant personal scrutiny and criticism. But at least elected women MPs, or even those like us who have been nominated to the House of Lords, have individually chosen a public career. This is not true of politicians' wives.

Today the majority of all married women are employed outside the home and it's no longer acceptable, even in politics, that a woman's working life should be tailored to her husband's. We can't expect to get two for the price of one and above all we should abandon the idea that the politically correct role for a spouse is simply to be displayed as a silent exhibit.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET JAY,
ANN MALLALIEU,
House of Lords.
January 25.

Patients who kill

From Professor A. C. P. Sims

Sir, In your report, "Patients who went on to become killers" (January 17), it is stated that "at least 13 killings could have been avoided with closer supervision". This statement was not in our inquiry's preliminary report. The problem we identified was the deliberate cessation of receiving care and treatment by mentally ill people and not the lack of supervision provided by staff. Our report states that "thus on 13 occasions non-compliance with recommended treatment was recorded as having caused significant practical difficulty in management".

You list five names who are claimed to be some of that 13. Although these names are those of well publicised cases, we did not in fact quote any names in our report.

Any means of preventing homicide should be seriously considered. We would recommend that this can only be addressed by increased resources for the treatment of the severely mentally ill; better organisation of the relevant services, and the introduction of legislation affecting treatment for those resident outside hospital, such as the currently proposed power of supervised discharge.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SIMS
(Chairman, Steering Committee),
Confidential Inquiry into Homicides & Suicides by Mentally Ill People,
PO Box 1515, London SW1X 8PL.
January 19.

Walker's memorial

From Dr R. A. Goudie

Sir, There is surely one obvious answer to the dispute over placing a memorial to Alfred Wainwright in the Lake District (letter, January 27).

It seems that the Innominate Tarn has at last found its name. What better memorial could there be than that all maps and guidebooks of the area should from now carry the name of Tarn Wainwright?

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS GOUDIE,
The Health Centre,
Church Street,
Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear.
January 27.

Chatham House freedom of debate

From Professor Sir Laurence Martin, Director, The Royal Institute of International Affairs

Sir, It would be wholly contrary to the duties and traditions of Chatham House if I entered into partisan debate in response to Denis MacShane's polemical column of January 20, headed "A Fascist for Chatham House?". For the same reason it is not for me to comment on Signor Gianfranco Fini, general secretary of the MSI party in Italy.

Mr MacShane's remarks, however, so misrepresent the role of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and so totally obscure the context in which Signor Fini was invited to speak here, that I feel obliged to offer some clarification.

Chatham House receives less than one third of its money from business and is not "funded by the Government", as Mr MacShane alleges. Unlike most of its European counterparts it receives no grant-in-aid at all and certainly has no relationship that would have enabled Mr Hurd to "nudge" us on this or any other matter.

Indeed when, last September, we wished to hear another controversial figure, Mr Anwar Haddam, President of the Algerian Islamic Front For Salvation's parliamentary delegation to Europe and the USA, we were frustrated by his being unable to obtain a visa.

Signor Fini was intended to be the second speaker invited to enlighten our members on the current delicate state of Italian politics, so important to Europe as a whole. Professor Carlo Scognamiglio, Speaker of the Italian Senate, agreed to address us on December 13 but was prevented by the debate over the Italian budgetary crisis. Signor Fini's party is said to be rapidly altering its stance but the process, which is highly important, is difficult to follow. The chance to hear him at first hand could therefore be most enlightening.

Our meetings are restricted to our members, who are politically expert and well able to maintain their independence of mind. The meeting format allows as long for questions and discussion as for the speaker to put his/her views.

For 75 years now we have given a hearing to left, right and many other points on the spectrum, excluding only views it would be illegal to advocate in this country. Our speakers have to take as well as give and may often have learnt sharper lessons than those they tried to impart. Such freedom of debate seems to me a much better antidote to fascism than the censorship Mr MacShane advocates.

Yours faithfully,
LAURENCE MARTIN,
Director, Chatham House,
10 St James's Square, SW1.
January 24.

East is east . . .

From Mr David J. White

Sir, Sir George Engle's childhood image of Kipling's "Road to Mandalay" seems to have become a disappointment to him ("Poet kept his rhyme but lost his reason on the road to Mandalay", January 21).

As a young man, privileged to be serving in the Royal Navy, I was lucky enough to travel along my own childhood image of "the road" and to have it confirmed in a way that has provided me with a well of delight ever since.

In 1947, in one of HM cruisers out of Devonport, we tracked east along the sea length of the "road". Prepared as I was by Kipling, I was not surprised on the last stage of the journey from Trincomalee to see the flying fishes play — only surprised occasionally that one should play so energetically and with such lack of regard for what, in every manual of seamanship, is called the rule of the road, as to land in my lap via the wind-scoop.

Nor was I surprised by the magnificent sunrises, which really did come up, every dawn, like "thunder" out of Burma. China and everywhere else east across the Bay of Bengal towards us.

Burma has an east-facing coast of some 250 miles. So where the difficulty in imagining a pagoda named Moulmein on that coast? One does not look for Oxford Circus in Oxford.

Yours etc,
DAVID J. WHITE,
13 Ridley Close, Cropston,
Leicestershire.
January 22.

What might have been

From Lord Harris of High Cross

Sir, Martin Ivens's most amiable assessment of the Institute of Economic Affairs ("Lord of the Markets", January 23) prompts the question: what might have happened if we had been founded in 1884 in place of the Fabian Society.

Instead of the misdirection of all political parties by the Webbs, H. G. Wells, Shaw and other clumsy prophets of big government, our infant democracy would have been more modestly shaped by Adam Smith, Acton, de Tocqueville, A. V. Dicey.

Self-help would not have been crowded out by failing universal state welfare and half our incomes would not now be pre-empted by taxation. The State would not need rolling back because it would never have rolled so far forward.

The only trouble is that I would now be about 140 instead of "a spry 70". (Incidentally, whatever became of the fading Fabian Society?)

Yours etc,
RALPH HARRIS
(A founder president),
Institute of Economic Affairs,
2 Lord North Street, SW1.
January 23.

Regional trends

From Mrs Stephen Galpin

Sir, How delightful it is that many journalists, especially in radio and television, think so highly of the Scottish education system that they refrain from giving us free geography lessons. English audiences are instructed almost daily about, for example, "the Rosyth Dockyard in Scotland" or "an avalanche in Wester Ross in Scotland".

However, journalists do not deem it necessary to patronise the Scots by describing "animal rights protesters at Shoreham in England" or "a spokesman at a Truro hospital in England".

Do the Welsh escape because anything unpronounceable is assumed to be in their domain?

Yours faithfully,
CAROLE GALPIN,
Crichton House, Pathhead,
Midlothian (Scotland!).
January 23.

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Relevance today of Clause Four

From Mr Ken Coates, MEP for Nottinghamshire North and Chesterfield (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, I was grateful to Bernard Levin for expressing his joy at the news that I am not yet dead ("Still harking on a lost clause", January 17). I would like to reciprocate, and assure him that I hope to be reading his columns for many a day to come.

It is extremely pleasing to know that Bernard will be voting Labour; but I fear that he has not quite understood the reason why passions on Clause Four run so high in the Labour Party.

The last time that Clause Four was in jeopardy, in 1959-60, its opponents could, with reason, point to the sustained achievement of full employment, and the virtues of a seller's market for labour. Had such conditions endured, possibly socialism might have perished.

But Bernard has not noticed that they did not endure. We now have mass misery, on a scale which I had never imagined. Millions of people subsist on the most miserable benefits, or in the corners of the black economy. In my constituency, there are villages which are totally isolated from the modern economy, in which the men have been unable to work for a decade or more. Those who can find work find wages which have been reduced below any decent level.

I have tried hard to support the Delors project, launched in 1993, for a European Keynes-plus effort to cut unemployment by half before the end of the century. But the Council of Ministers, aided by our own Government, has withheld the authorisation for the raising of the necessary funds, so that rather than cutting European unemployment by half, we are at present set on course for doubling it.

Clause Four speaks of "the most equitable distribution" to workers by hand or by brain of the full fruit of their industry "that may be possible *upon the basis of* [my italics] the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange". Its implementation would not only encourage the resolution of such modern problems as the robbery of pension funds; it could also stimulate local enterprises and the expansion of public services, thereby creating jobs. Tackling environmental problems, such as improving fuel use, would also certainly create jobs, but nations lack the political will to deal with this issue as a top priority.

I wish I could persuade Bernard Levin to join me in my constituency, if only for a day, to investigate how life is lived in the land of the excluded, which occupies so much of Britain's space. I suspect that we might wind up agreeing about something.

Yours sincerely,
KEN COATES,
112 Church Street,
Matlock, Derbyshire.
January 22.

Film industry

From Mrs Ann Neate

Sir, I was delighted to read (report, January 20) Lord Attenborough's strong words on the failure of the Establishment towards the British film industry.

The seat of a nation's culture lies in its art forms, which include music, dance and, in these days, films — on television and in the cinema. Through a country's film we learn about how its people think and feel. With so little film output from this country, there is a yawning gap for the rest of the world about our culture and way of life.

We have the actors, directors, designers and playwrights — including the greatest — and we have the people waiting to work. A thriving film industry could play a vital part in the revival of this country, artistically, industrially and financially. It is where much of our talent lies, and it is time the Government awoke to the opportunity it is missing.

Films provide entertainment which can influence and educate. They could be vital ambassadors for Britain.

Yours sincerely,
ANN NEATE,
Runnings Park, Croft Bank,
West Malvern, Worcestershire.
January 20.

Written in the stars?

From Mrs Wendy Mayo

Sir, It's all very well being born under the sign of Ophiuchus (letters, January 24, 25), but how do I pronounce it?

Yours faithfully,
WENDY MAYO,
17 Botley Road, Romsey, Hampshire.
January 24.

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, Astrology proves one scientific fact: there's one born every minute.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD FORREST,
Delfryn, Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.
January 24.

From Mr Gerry Lynas

Sir, We Leos do not believe in astrology.

Yours faithfully,
GERRY LYNAS,
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Upton, Poole, Dorset.
January 25.

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YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 28: The Duke of Kent, Patron, The Army Winter Sports Association, this morning arrived at Serre Chevalier to attend the 1995 Alpine and Nordic Ski Championships.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 29: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Gloucester preached the Sermon.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 29: The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Evening Standard British Film Awards, the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

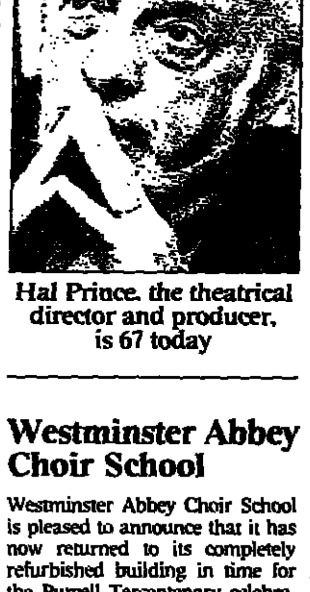
Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will open the society's Tottenham child and family support project at Park Lane Clinic, Tottenham, N17, at 3.00.

The Duchess of Kent will open the British Airways Compass Centre, Heathrow Airport, at 11.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend a gala dinner to mark the silver anniversary of the Four Seasons Hotel and in aid of the British Red Cross at Hamilton Place, W1, at 8.00.

Birthdays today

Sir Herbert Ashworth, former chairman, Nationwide Building Society, 85; Mr Jack Bowman, Chief Constable, Tayside, 64; Sir Fred Catherwood, former MEP, 70; Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, former Lord Lieutenant of Midlothian, 78; Mr Phil Collins, rock singer, drummer and actor, 44; Miss Christina Foyle, bookseller, 84; Mr Nick Gaselee, racehorse trainer, 56; Mr Justice Gatehouse, 71; Mr Patrick Heron, painter, 75; Mr Christopher Howes, Crown Estate Second Commissioner, 53; the Earl of Huntingdon, 46; Viscount Long, 66; Lord Lowry, 76; Mr Justice Mantell, 58; Mr Bob Muddimer, chairman, Rank Hovis McDougall, 62; Sir Foley Newns, former colonial administrator, 86; Professor A.G. Ogston, former President, Trinity College, Oxford, 84; Mr Louis Osman, architect, artist and goldsmith, 81; Mr John Profumo, president, Toynbee Hall, 80; Miss Vanessa Redgrave, actress, 58; Mr Martin Taylor, chief executive, Barclays Bank, 60; Lord Westwood, 51.



Hal Prince, the theatrical director and producer, is 67 today

Memorial service

Dr Maurice Ashley

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Maurice Ashley, historian and former editor of *The Listener*, was held on Saturday at St John's Wood Church. The Rev Mark Oakley officiated. Sir Roger Cary and Emeritus Professor Austin Woolrych of Lancaster University read the lessons. Dr John Morrill, Vice-Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge and President of the Cromwell Association, read from a speech on "the Responsibilities of Liberty" by Oliver Cromwell. Mr Martin Gilbert of Merton College, Oxford, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Ashley (widow), Mr Philip Ashley (son), Mr and Mrs Finlay Wilson (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Jane Ashley (granddaughter), Mr T H Entract (brother-in-law), Mr Norman Entract, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Entract, Mr Richard Entract with other members of the family, friends and representatives of the BBC, the London Library, The Listener, The Times, University College London, Exeter University and the Reform Club.

Lecture

United World College of the Atlantic

The third Atlantic College lecture on international affairs "Rich and Poor — trade, aid and development" was delivered by the Governor of Hong Kong, the Right Hon Christopher Patten, at Fishmongers' Hall, on Thursday, January 26. The lecture was sponsored by The RTZ Corporation plc.

University news

Cambridge

Professor David King has been elected Master of Downing College, Cambridge from October 1. He is head of the university's chemistry department.

Westminster Abbey Choir School

Westminster Abbey Choir School is pleased to announce that it has now returned to its completely refurbished building in time for the Purcell Tercentenary celebrations, which include a televised concert on March 5 marking the anniversary of Queen Mary's funeral. The Headmaster welcomes enquiries from parents of potential choristers (0171-222 6151) and the next voice trial will be held on February 8.

The sky at night in February

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY is at inferior conjunction on the 3rd when it passes between the Sun and the Earth. It then becomes a morning object rising about an hour before the Sun from mid-month. Though it will brighten to 0 magnitude by the 28th it will remain in a very bright sky making it very difficult to detect. Moon to the north on the 27th.

Venus is also a "morning star" rising nearly three hours before sunrise on the 1st but less than two hours before by the end of the month. The -4.0 magnitude planet should be a conspicuous object throughout February but will then move to the south of the Sun and remain in twilight until late in the year. Waning crescent Moon to the north on the 26th.

Mars is moving westwards against the stars (retrograding) through "the sickle" of Leo and will be at opposition on the 12th when it will be due south at midnight. At its closest on the 11th the red planet will reach a -1.2 magnitude to be the brightest planet in the sky after Venus and Jupiter. Unlike these two planets, which vary in brightness comparatively little, Mars can be fainter than +1 mag when farthest from the Earth. Full Moon to the south on the 15th.

Jupiter is in Ophiuchus and -2.0 magnitude rising soon after 02h late in the month. The waning Moon is close by to the north on the morning of the 23rd.

Saturn is +1 magnitude and may still be seen early in the month low in the southwest after sunset as it approaches conjunction with the Sun on March 6th. Crescent Moon near by on the 2nd.

The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Uranus and Neptune are both in morning twilight and not readily observable in February.

The Moon's phases: first quarter, 7d 13h; full Moon, 15d 12h; last quarter, 22d 13h. The Moon passes just to the north of the bright star Spica in Virgo on the night of the 19th/20th, though closest approach will have occurred before moonrise.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 45m and on the 28th at 17h 35m while sunrise is at 07h 40m and 06h 50m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 18h 45 and 19h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 05h 45m and 04h 55m.

Algol, the variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It will appear faint this month about the following times: 1d 21h, 21d 23h and 24d 20h.

The winter constellations are well displayed during February evenings with Orion at his highest and due south (on the meridian) by mid-evening. The three bright stars of his belt mark the celestial equator that divides the sky into the northern and southern hemispheres and passes through the east and west points on the horizon. From the Earth's equator Orion passes overhead and from southern latitudes he appears to stand on his head. The famous Orion nebula with its associated stars in the sword of Orion is just visible to the unaided eye and is a splendid object in a telescope: binoculars show it quite clearly.

On long exposure photographs much of the area in and around the constellation of Orion is covered by nebulosity with bright and dark dust clouds. New stars are being born in parts of the Orion nebula.

Oppositions of Mars occur every two years and two months as Mars takes 687 days to complete one revolution about the Sun, during which time the Earth has not quite completed two 365 day revolutions. The Earth, being in a faster, smaller orbit, has then to catch up with Mars before opposition can occur. The orbit of Mars is more elliptical than that of the Earth with the distance from the Sun varying from 207 million km at perihelion to 250 million km at aphelion.

When opposition occurs in August or September Mars is near perihelion and a close approach to the Earth occurs — only 58 million km or 36 million miles. For a February or March opposition this distance increases to around 100 million km and Mars appears little more than half as large as in August, about 14 seconds of arc across against 25 seconds at its best.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, statesman, Westminster, 1628; Walter Savage Landor, writer, Warwick, 1775; Francis Herbert Bradley, philosopher, London, 1846; Sir Seymour Hicks, actor-manager, St Helier, Jersey, 1871; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd American President 1933-45, New York, 1882.

DEATHS: Georges de la Tour, painter, Lunéville, 1652; King Charles I, reigned 1625-49, executed Whitehall, London, 1649; Charles Bradlaugh, politician and free-thinker, London, 1891; Orville Wright, aviator, Dayton, Ohio, 1948; Mahatma Gandhi, political and religious leader, assassinated New Delhi, 1948; François Poulenc, composer, Paris, 1963.

A Nazi Government, led by Adolf Hitler, was formed in Germany, 1933.

The funeral of Winston Churchill took place, London, 1965.

The American Embassy in Saigon was captured by the Vietcong, 1968.

Troops killed 13 people during riots in Londonderry in what became known as Bloody Sunday, 1972.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: R F Cheadle - Staff of 2SL/CNH 21.7.95; J R Hance - SACLANT USA 13.7.95; N S R Kilgour - Montrose in Cmd 18.7.95.

COMMANDER: P Galloway - Faslane 23.6.95; C R Green - MOD London 12.5.95; R C Hawkins - RNAS Yeovilton 25.8.95; D W Pond - Sultan 28.7.95; W K Ridley - Intrepid 30.6.95; I T T Sewell - Cochrane 26.5.95; C S Smith - Fearless 28.7.95; C J Stait - Staff of 2SL/CNH 4.8.95; A K Tarman - Nato Brussels 28.3.95.

Retirements

COMMANDER: I G Cochrane - 25.3.95.

The Army

COLONEL: R M H Phillip - to 22 Fd Hosp, 26.1.95; R C Menzies - to HQ Londist, 30.1.95.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J Blackburn Rachd - to HQ Wales & WDist, 4.2.95; J R W Dutton RA - to RSA, 30.1.95; C R Romberg RA - to HQ Wales & WDist, 30.1.95; E M Walter AGC 9SPS) - to RGB, 30.1.95; R Watt RE - to HQ UKLF, 30.1.95; J E Knowles RLC - to HQ RLC Trg Cen & Deepcut Gar, 30.1.95; A J E Malcolm WG - to MOD, 1.2.95; T E Stevens Int Corps - to MOD, 1.2.95; E G Jones RADC - to PHDCS, 16.1.95; J R Jones RADC, - to 7 Dent Gp, 16.1.95; C W Lyon Dean RAMC - to RSS, 23.1.95.

Retirements

BRIGADEER: J M Roulstone WRAC, 4.2.95

COLONEL: M A Evans Late RE, 5.2.95

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: O D L Delany - to RAF Halton, 3.2.95; R McConnell - to HQ STC, 3.2.95.

WING COMMANDER: D B Wallace - to BDS Washington, 9.1.95; A I Ferries - to Staff College Bracknell, 4.1.95; N P Wilmott - to MOD, 9.1.95; J R Jones - to MOD, 9.1.95; R D Wright - to ICAOC Kalkar, 9.1.95; D Sharples - to HQ LC, 30.1.95.

Latest wills

Professor Sir Brian Wellingham Windeyer, of Oxford, Vice-Chancellor of London University 1969-72, left estate valued at £8,461 net.

Mr Jeffrey Alfred Preece, of Chelford, Cheshire, former director of information services for British Nuclear Fuels, left estate valued at £331,819 net.

Mr Stanley Oulton Brown, of Liverpool, in his will dated 27/11/79 described as a retired bank clerk, left estate valued at £1,932,876 net.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Christine Redgrave, Assistant Curate, Bracknell (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, Bracknell (Oxford).

The Rev Stephen Sichel, Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall Regis (Lichfield): to be Senior Curate, parish of St Giles w St Matthew, Camberwell and Curate-in-charge, St Matthew (Southwark).

The Rev William Stileman, Curate, St Andrew's, Oxford: to be Curate, Great Chesham Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Ian Tucker, Curate (NSM), Pill w Easton in Gordano and Portbury: to be Curate (stipendiary), St John's, Frome and St Mary's, Frome (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Derek Waller, Assistant Curate, St Laurence, Church Stretton (Hereford): to be Rector, Appleby group (Leicester).

The Rev Gillian Warren, Assistant Curate, Tettenhall Regis Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Bilston Team Ministry (Lichfield).

The Rev Penny West, Senior Asst Curate, Bath Abbey w St James's: to be Vicar, Kewstoke w Wick St Lawrence (Bath and Wells).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.P.S. Caush
and Miss V.K. Herrington

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Caush, of Churt, Surrey, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Herrington, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.T. Cousins
and Miss E.E.F. Sturch

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs R.R. Cousins, of Warwick, and Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev Dr R.L. Sturch, of Islip, Oxon, and Mrs D.M. Sturch, of Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr P. Fulford
and Miss S.L. Jackson

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Wing Commander and Mrs James Fulford, of Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Grahame Jackson, of Holland Park, London.

Mr A.J. Hill
and Miss J.N. Paull

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Terence Hill, of Newport, Gwent, and Janelle, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Paull, of Willunga, South Australia.

Mr J.W. Mawer
and Miss J.P. Duffield

The engagement is announced between John Walter, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Mawer, of Lincoln, and Joanna Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Duffield, of Eridge, East Sussex.

Mr D.J.A. Scott
and Dr J.M. Preece

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Professor and Mrs James Scott, of Sheffield, and Joanna, daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan W. Preece, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr J.C. Sumner
and Miss S.J. Pattie

The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Sumner, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Pattie, of Seddon, Marlborough, New Zealand.

Marriages

Mr J.R.P. Bidwell
and Miss R.L. Mathiesen

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall of Mr James Richard Philip Bidwell, elder son of Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, of Cramond House, Sandwich, Kent, to Miss Rebecca Louise Mathiesen, daughter of Mr Per Mathiesen, of Exton House, Exton, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Sarah Mathiesen. The Rev David Burgess officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Daisy Christie, Emily Weller, Miss Victoria Webster and Miss Anna Mathiesen. Mr Casey Norman was best man.

A reception was held at Grocers' Hall and the honeymoon will be spent skiing in the French Alps.

Mr M.E. Bentley
and Ms A.M.J. Cavanagh Elger

The marriage took place in Chelsea on Saturday, January 28, of Mark Bentley to Maria Cavanagh Elger.

Mr P.W.W. Disney
and Miss M. Colston

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Botolph's, Swyncombe, Oxfordshire, of Mr Patrick Disney, only son of Group Captain Hugh Disney and the late Mrs Eira Disney, to Miss Melissa Colston, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Colston and Lady Vernon. The Rev Andrew McKearney officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jeffrey Sheldon, Aidan McKearney, Harriet Lebus, Holly Holland and Alice Beverley. Mr Nicholas Shakespeare was best man.

A reception was held at Ewelme Park, and the honeymoon will be spent in Southern Africa.

Mr I.G. Mumby
and Miss J.E. Grubb

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Clement Danes, The Strand, London, of Mr Ian Garry Mumby to Miss Jane Evelyn Grubb.

A reception was held at the Royal Air Force Club, followed by a luncheon.

Ben Nicolson Club

The next lunch of the Ben Nicolson Club will be on February 8 and not February 1.

Nature notes

The black-headed gull

LESSER spotted woodpeckers are beginning to make their spring call in the treetops: it is a thin piping note, like a faint car alarm going off. They are often found in alder trees along a lakeside, but are much less common than great spotted woodpeckers, which in recent years have been visiting garden bird-tables in winter.

Pheasants feed on the ground, but go up into trees to roost at night: they can be found both in conifers and in bare deciduous trees. They crow loudly as they fly up to their perch at dusk.

The dark mark behind the eyes of black-headed gulls is beginning to increase in size, and over the next two months will turn into the chocolate-brown cap of their summer plumage. On mild mornings, the males are already squabbling with each other out on the playing-fields.

The buds are fat and sticky on horse-chestnut trees, and on the twig beneath each bud there is a scar like a horse's hoof-print where the leaf fell off last autumn. On London plane-trees, there are strings of prickly-looking seed-balls, many of which will go on dangling there until the leaves come out in April. DJM

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BIRTHS

BOWLBY - On 21st January, to Tony and Camilla (née Cookson), a son, Archie, a brother for James.

BRAILSFORD - On 26th January at Edinburgh, to Elaine (née Robbie) and Neil, a son, Sidney Joshua Lawrence.

FELLOWS - On January 26th to Juliet (née Macaire) & Andrew a son Louis James Anthony, a much loved brother for Olivia, Mark & George.

GILL - On 27th January 1995 at Jessops Hospital, Sheffield to Rebekah and Jason, a beautiful baby son, Louis Elliott, weighed 8lbs 5oz.

MACKINNON - On 27th January, to Veronica (née Metcalfe) and Robert, a son.

NEVE - On January 26th, at New York Hospital, to Emma (née Fricker), and Christopher, a daughter, Charlotte Hortense.

POLLOCK - On January 28th to Sarah and Christopher a daughter

WORLOCK - On January 24th, at Wexham Park Hospital, to Judith and David, a son, Charles Thomas Robert Dewing. The name lives on.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - Paul, of Guildford, Surrey aged 44, after a short illness, much loved son of Noel and Margaret, and brother of Eileen. In Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham. Member of the Royal Stuart Society and of the Society of St Lazarus. Requiem Mass at St Dunstan's Church, Woking, Surrey at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 1st February, to be followed by interment at Prudhoe, Northumberland. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL. Requiescat in Pace.

BELDAM - Anna Gladys, suddenly but peacefully on January 26th 1995 at Windward, Woking. Loving sister of Robert, and the late Philip. Aunt of Richard and Patricia, dear friend of Vera. Farewell's at Woking Crematorium - St. John's - Wednesday 1st February 3.00 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Epilepsy Research or Woking Hospice.

BONELLO - On 25th January 1995, peacefully at his home in Westminster, Mark William Francis, aged 38. Musical Artist Agent. Deeply mourned by his mother Pamela and his father Louis, his sister Maria and her family, his brother Julian and his family and by his companion Barry. Requiem Mass will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday February 7th at 10.30am, followed by private cremation. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1 or donations to Maria Callas International Scholarship Trust c/o 52/53 Dean Street, London W1.

BOYD - Frances on January 26th, peacefully, at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, St John's Wood, London, aged 74. Funeral 12 noon Thursday February 2nd at St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, NW8, followed by cremation at Hoop Lane. No flowers please but donations if desired to St Mark's Repair Appeal or to St John's Hospice, Grove End Road, NW8.

COEN - On January 23rd peacefully James Raymond. Loving and loved husband of the late Vera and father of Clive. Funeral Service at East Sheen Cemetery, Richmond, Surrey, on February 8th at 2 pm: no flowers please, but further details from (081) 741-8400.

COLCHESTER - The Rev Halsey Sparrowe C.M.G., O.B.E., aged 76, of Southrop House, Hook Norton, Oxon, died peacefully January 27th. Greatly loved by his wife Rozanne, their children, and grandchildren and his many friends. Funeral Service St Michael and All Angels, Great Tew, Oxon, Saturday February 11th 3pm. Family flowers only. Any donations to The above Church.

COOPER - Sydney Millington, 'Frank', of Chrishall, Herts, died peacefully on Wednesday 25th January 1995, in Addenbrook's Hospital after a short illness, aged 89 years. Husband of Annie and father of John. Private family funeral at 2.16pm on Wednesday 1st February 1995. No flowers please.

EVANS - Revd John Ienan, passed away suddenly on Friday 27th January in Cheam, Surrey. Much beloved by his wife Gunver and family. Formerly Minister in Highgate, Ealing and Cheam. Private Cremation followed by open Thanksgiving Service at a later date.

DURHAM - John Francis Langton, T.D., C.F., aged 92, passed away in the early hours of Tuesday 25th January 1995. Beloved husband of Margaret (Maggy). At one time deputy Vicar to "Tubby" Clayton, founder of Toc H at All Hallows by the Tower and late of St.Andrews Church Wembley. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, London. On Wednesday 1st February 1995, at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations to International Social Service of The United Kingdom, Cranmer House, 39 Brixton Road SW9 6DD. Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

FARR - On 26th January, passed peacefully away after a long illness borne with good humour. Betty. Beloved wife of Griff, mother of Sarah and Charles, dear granny of Matthew, Jonathan and Rebecca. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas, Wickham, Hants., Saturday 4th February 1995 at 11.30 am. No flowers please. Any donations to Barnardos c/o Thomas Pink & Son, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. SO32 1AN.

FARROW - Joseph Frederick, late of 65 Tudor Gardens, West Acton, W3, passed away peacefully at Clayponds Hospital, Ealing, on 27th January 1995, aged 80. Enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to P. Ryan & Daughter, 6 South Ealing Road, Ealing, W5 4QA, tel: (081) 567-1664.

FOULKES-ROBERTS - On January 26th, peacefully, Hugh Lloyd Foulkes-Roberts aged 90. Much loved Father and Grandfather. Funeral Service at 1230 on Tuesday January 31st at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Colerne, Wiltshire. Enquiries to Jollys Funeral Directors, Bath 01225 426822.

GOOD - On 27th January 1995 Christine Mary peacefully at home after a short illness borne with great courage. Beloved wife of the late Freddie, adored by Peter Nicky and Mike and their families. By request no mourning. Funeral service on Friday 3rd February at 12.30 at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church Aldeburgh. Family flowers only.

GOUGH - David Laurie on 20th January suddenly passed away in Chamonix, France. Will be sadly missed by family, friends and those who knew him. Funeral at Trinity Church, Clapham at 10.00 am February 6th 1995. Family flowers only. Donations to Trinity Church Hospice, Clapham or British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Ashton's of Clapham, 18 South Side, Clapham Common, Clapham SW4 7AB, (071) 498-9063.

GUDE - On January 24th peacefully in Tavistock, Devon, Tony. Funeral on Wednesday 1st February in Anlhiac, Dordogne.

HEREN - Louis Philip, Deputy Editor of the Times 1970-1981. Author, foreign Correspondent and soldier. Born Shadwell, 6th February 1919, died at home in Hampstead, 26th January 1995. Husband of the late Pat, and beloved father of Patrick, Kate, Sarah and Elizabeth, and adored grandfather of Daniel, Bede, Christopher, Gabriel, Jessica and Theodore. Funeral Thursday 2nd February at St Mary's R.C Church, Holly Place, NW3. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 071 586 4221. Donations, if desired, to Save The Children." Fear Naught".

LAW - Kathleen Alice O'Dell. On December 27th 1994 in Melbourne, Australia. Beloved daughter of Rev. Dr. Archibald Law and Ethel Dora Law (both deceased), loved sister and sister-in-law, of Noel and Marjorie Law (both deceased), aunt of Mary, Ian and Heather.

MACKENZIE - Donald, darling son of Betty and the late Donald Mackenzie, in a Jeep accident in India, 19th January.

OWEN - On January 25th suddenly, in hospital aged 91, Rowland Hubert C.M.G., most devoted, talented and dearly loved husband of Shelagh and brother to Edwin. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations to The British Heart Foundation, to be sent to G.M. Luff and Partners, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1JH. Tel: 01428 643524.

PAGE - On Wednesday January 25th 1995 suddenly, Brinley Richard Page aged 27. Adored husband of Julie, greatly loved son of Dick and Sue, brother to Sarah, Becky and Charlotte. Funeral Service 1.00 pm Friday February 3rd at St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham. No flowers but donations for "The Brinley Page Trust Account" for Brinley and Julie's Child, due in four weeks C/O W. H. Scott & Son 426 Rotton Park Road, Birmingham B16 0LA.

PARSONS - On January 26th 1995, in a London hospital, Geoffrey Penwill Parsons A.O., O.B.E., aged 65 years. Survived by his brothers Frank and Ross. Funeral Service at St Cyprians', Clarence Gate, London, on Thursday February 2nd at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Please no flowers. Donations in lieu to Cancer Research Fund c/o Middlesex Hospital, London. Enquiries Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: (0171) 387-6075.

PRICE - On 24th January 1995, William Leonard of Woodford Green, aged 95 years. Late of the Bank of New Zealand, London. Much loved father of Elizabeth (Marion), John and Mary and grandfather of Fiona, David, Jenny and Catherine. Funeral Service at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 1st February at All Saints' Church, Woodford Green followed by private interment. Family flowers only.

PURVIS - On 26th January 1995, peacefully at home at Clifton Hampden, in his 91st year. Dr. Victor Brammer Purvis, beloved husband of Joanna and father of Ian, Julia, Lucia and Christopher. Funeral at 2 pm on Saturday 4th February at St Michael and All Angels, Clifton Hampden. Flowers and enquiries to Edward Carter, 107 South Avenue, Abingdon (01235 528293).

REIGATE - The Rt. Hon. Sir John Vaughan-Morgan Bt. Baron Reigate of Outwood in the County of Surrey. On January 26th, in his 90th year, beloved husband of Emily, father of Julia King and Deborah Whitfield. Funeral private. No flowers please. The date of the Memorial Service will be announced later.

THOMAS - Revd. Michael Paul, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather who died suddenly on 25th January 1995. Requiem Mass to be celebrated at St Mary's Parish Church, Walsingham, Norfolk on Thursday 2nd February 1995, at 12.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Royal Brompton Hospital.

TALBOT - On 26th January at The Dower House, Headbourne Worthy, Audrey, loving wife of the late Patrick Talbot and much loved by her children Humphrey and Michael Chetwynd-Talbot and Janet Robertson and their families. Funeral at St Mary's, Easton, Winchester, on Friday 3rd February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations for The Wessex Childrens Hospice Trust c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester, would be much appreciated.

TEMPLE - On 26th January at Stonecross, Kendal, after a long illness most patiently borne, June Debonnaire, aged 75 years, for 49 years the beloved wife of Sir Sanderson (Sandy) Temple, dear mother of Cecilia, Sarah and Simon, grandmother to seven and great-grandmother to three. Funeral service and interment at St John's Church, Yealand, on Wednesday 1st February at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Raynaud's Scleroderma Association c/o Ruston Funerals, 1 Wildman Street, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6EN.

TRAHERNE - Sir Cennydd George, KG, TD, MA, GCStJ, HM Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan from 1952 to 1985, peacefully and at home on 26th January 1995. Devoted husband of the late Lady Rowena, OBE, BA. He is deeply mourned by a large family and a wide circle of friends. Funeral at St Georges-super-Ely Church at noon Wednesday 1st February 1995 for family, tennants, estate staff and parishioners only. A Memorial Service at Llandaff Cathedral is to be arranged. Family flowers only. Donations to the Order of St John Priory for Wales, Priory House, Meridian Court, North Road, Cardiff, CF4 3BL.

WATERTON - On January 26th peacefully at Priary Lodge Home Yvonne Angèle aged 99 years much loved Mother of Pamela and Peter. Funeral Service at St Marylebone Crematorium East End Road N2 Friday 3rd February at 2.00 pm. Family flowers. Donations if wished to Fight for Sight 2 Bath Street London EC1V 9EL.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BERKELEY - A Requiem Mass in memory of Humphry Berkeley will be held at Brompton Oratory on Tuesday February 21st at 11am.

MITCHELL COTTS - A Memorial Service for Sir Robert Crichton Mitchell Cotts Bt. will be held at 3 pm on Saturday 4th February 1995 at St Andrew's Church, Melton, Suffolk.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PEAKE - There will be a Memorial Requiem for Mrs Rosy Peake, OBE, at Brompton Oratory at 11 am on Wednesday, 8th February 1995.

STOCKWOOD - A Memorial Service for Bishop Mervyn Stockwood will take place in Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday March 8th 1995 at 3 pm. Applications for tickets should be made to Miss Mary Cryer at 5 St John's Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3JA by 22nd February 1995.

WILLIAMS - Stephen Henry Clement. A Memorial Service will be held on 3rd February 1995 at St Martins Church, Hale Gardens, Acton W3 at 2.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

POLLARD - Remembering today, as always, my dear parents Elizabeth and Albert, who died 30th January and 4th February 1963. Joy.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

PETER BLACK

Peter Black, journalist and pioneer television critic, died on January 25 aged 81. He was born on November 11, 1913.

Peter Black, centre, with Huw Wheldon and Frank Muir

IN 1952, when only two million homes were equipped to receive the BBC's black and white television service featuring such embryo celebrities as Eamonn Andrews, Gilbert Harding, Philip Harben and Muffin the Mule, the *Daily Mail*'s editor, Guy Schofield, instituted the first overnight reviews of the programmes and assigned them to Peter Black, who was then uneasily employed on the paper's gossip column.

Sets were primitive, the signal to Brighton, where Black then lived, was fitful and liable to fade out and nightly reviewing had to be done on the run, as were the all-live programmes. But within a year which brought the televising of the Coronation, audience numbers were booming and television was no longer a minor diversion from radio. Peter Black's "Teleview", prominently displayed on the back page of the broadsheet *Daily Mail*, was much talked about and provoked a large postbag. He treated his column as what he called a *causerie* for readers who wanted someone to evaluate the viewing experience and debate what television ought to do — something which nobody then knew.

Black brought to bear his perceptiveness, sound judgment and enthusiasm for anything that enriched or brightened people's lives, together with a sharp-tongued impatience with meretriciousness or trash. He continued to exercise these for another 21 years without losing freshness or getting bored. When he phoned in his final column at the end of 1973, he was wined and dined by a gathering of television heads, led by Sir Huw Wheldon, Sir David Attenborough and Sir Hugh Greene, the Director-General of the BBC of the 1960s and one of Black's heroes.

Critics are rarely, if ever, held in such respect by broadcasters. Although he wrote to entertain and was always mordantly humorous, Black described his critical stance in three questions: what is a programme trying to do? Is it worth doing? If so, how well is it doing it? His aims were a far cry from those of the critics of today for whom programmes are fodder off which to score a witty or savage put-down.

Black never adopted an elite position. He was intensely interested in popular taste, which he insisted was less debased, conservative or timid than it suited the commercial programmers to believe. But he regarded the breaking of the monopoly as the best thing that had happened to broadcasting, as it freed the BBC from its association with the Establishment and its Auntie image. Just before retiring he published two penetrating books on television. *The Mirror in the Corner* (he believed television could only reflect life, not change it) included a ringside account of the birth and early pangs of commercial television. He revealed such secret backstage deals as the one by which Associated Rediffusion undertook to bail out a troubled Granada and in return creamed off its profits for years afterwards. *The Biggest Aspidistra in the World* was Black's affectionate celebration of 50 years of the BBC, an institution which he said it would be insane to spoil. It was a brilliant personal evocation of the excitement of radio from the cat's whisker days onwards. He was cooler about the way television was by then going in the struggle for audience ratings. Prophetically he concluded: "The BBC was increasingly tempted to declare that a popular programme was a good programme. It did not believe it. But the risk must increase that one day it would believe it."

His agreeable, ironic style — again displayed in a later book *Poms in the Sun* about Australia — was enlivened by his gift for catching character in a phrase. Of Richard Dimbleby and his love of ritual he once wrote: "To him the State Opening of Parliament was as delightful as hearing the first cuckoo." Or of Gilbert Harding: "Like Thurber's Dog That Bit People, he was always sorry afterwards."

Black had entered Fleet Street very diffidently by a devious route. Being born with only one arm had made him miserable at school and left him convinced that he was stupid and earmarked for failure. After a mistaken brush with accountancy, he got taken on for training by a small weekly paper, the *Letchworth Citizen*, where luckily he was left to learn for himself. In wartime he became an Observer Corps plane-spotter and met a land girl, Joan Page-Turner, who became his wife when the war ended. They moved to Brighton where he cut his teeth as theatre critic of the *Evening Argus* on the productions that passed through en route to the West End. He pined to become a London theatre critic but realised when the opening came that television also needed critics and that every new aerial was a potential new reader. From his early TV appearances alongside people such as Malcolm Muggeridge, he could see that he was not cut out to be a natural performer and he desisted.

As a companion he could be prickly as well as entertaining. No doubt because of his disability, he was sharply watchful for any hint of patronage. He said it was still easy to make him feel "a chump". As a defence he adopted the pose of a professional pessimist. "Trip all right — *so far*" was a typical message to the office when he ventured abroad. He once admitted to a compulsion "not to act in any way that might provoke a shout of 'Good show!' from some fathead in an Old Hooligan tie".

He retired with relief from the *Mail* at the age of 60 and his loves were good food and wine, golf, which despite lacking an arm he played well, and travel to warm and civilised places. His ferocity was aimed at Philistines and killjoys of every kind and at any exploitation of animals. He ruefully castigated the uncomplaining British for putting up with ugliness, petty restrictions, bad service and awful food.

Although he had latterly moved to West Sussex, he and his wife lived for many years on the banks of the Thames at Wraysbury, devoted to one another and to their cats. She died in 1992. They had no children.

THE REV HALSEY COLCHESTER

The Rev Halsey Colchester, CMG, OBE, retired Intelligence officer and clergyman, died on January 27 aged 76. He was born on March 5, 1918.

HALSEY COLCHESTER is the only recorded instance of a career officer of the Secret Intelligence Service who, on retirement, became a clergyman of the Church of England. At least to his mind — in some respects an unsophisticated one in which the love of God could easily be equated with hatred of communism — there was less incongruity between the two careers than others might have thought.

Harvey Sparrowe Colchester received a conventional education at Uppingham and Magdalen College, Oxford. On the outbreak of war he joined the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, in which he was commissioned and in which he served until 1944 when he joined the Special Air Service. He spent almost two years with the SAS, being mentioned in dispatches. He was recruited into the SIS in late 1945 and served successively in Jerusalem, the Canal Zone, London and Istanbul (in the latter post under the late Rodney Dennys). In 1954 he returned to London. From 1956 to 1960 he served in Zurich after which he was posted to Athens where he remained until 1964.

In all these posts Colchester had received good reports and his progress in the Service had been steady. But it was his next posting in London, that of head of personnel, which established his reputation as one of the most valuable members of the Service. Earlier observers noticed the personal kindness which he showed to his colleagues and juniors and this kindness quickly became evident in his work in the personnel field. A contemporary described him as "transparently honest and deeply human"; but these qualities left room for the necessary degree of decisiveness and organising ability which this particular post demanded. He was greatly liked and trusted and there was genuine regret when it was time for him to move from his London appointment to Paris.

Some years before leaving the Service he had formed the intention of taking Orders and this he began to prepare to do in 1972. He enrolled at Cuddesdon College to prepare for the priesthood, taking his wife from a grand house in Auteuil, Paris, to modest student digs outside Oxford. At the end of 1973, his training completed, it was suggested to him that he become curate in a rich Cotswold parish. Typically and impulsively, he made his own, different way. Finding the parish church in question rather pompous, he dashed off between interviews to call — unannounced — on the young vicar of nearby Minchinhampton. Could he become his curate? Yes, he could. The diocesan authorities, bemused, acquiesced.

After almost three years as curate of Minchinhampton he accepted the much bigger job of vicar of the industrial, three-churched parish of Bollington in Cheshire. This was a demanding post and he put everything into it with excellent results. But after four years of it, and well into his sixties, he knew he needed something less strenuous. The unpaid job of being priest-in-charge of the parish of Great Tew, near Oxford, came up in 1981. Its handsome vicarage was the property of an independent trust. There he stayed, for the best part of the 1980s, until a badly deteriorating heart forced him to take true retirement, at a house in Hook Norton, near Banbury, bequeathed to him by a cousin.

Halsey Colchester was a man of many friends and few, if any, enemies. His unique transition from intelligence officer to Anglican clergyman was, in retrospect, less surprising than it seemed to many at the time, who may have remembered him in earlier incarnations as an apparently conventional figure in the uniform of bowler hat, umbrella and stiff white collar. But the personal kindliness and concern for the lives of other people which he had shown in the SIS could be said to have served notice of his later intentions.

Nonetheless, there were two Halsey Colchesters: a calculating and cerebral one that held its own as an intelligence officer; and an impulsive and spiritual one that, in time, eclipsed the other.

In 1946 he married Rozanne Medhurst, daughter of Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Medhurst. It was an ideally happy marriage and his wife was of the greatest help to her husband in both segments of his career. She survives him, together with four sons and a daughter.

PHILLIP MAY

Phillip May, GC, who won the Albert Medal (later translated to George Cross) in Malta in 1947, died on December 15 aged 72. He was born on August 6, 1922.

PHILLIP MAY won his Albert Medal when, single-handed, he rescued seven officers and men from certain death by gas poisoning. He was serving as a leading hand in the cable ship *St Margaret's*, berthed at Malta, on June 20, 1947, when a chief petty officer who had gone down into one of the cable tanks was overcome by gas. The ship's first lieutenant, the bo'sun and four ratings immediately went down into the tank to try to retrieve the CPO but were, in their turn, rendered unconscious.

The extreme toxicity of the gas meant that there was no time to wait for breathing apparatus. By the time it arrived the seven men in the tank would undoubtedly have been dead. Using the time-honoured expedient of ventilating his lungs to get as much oxygen into his bloodstream as possible, and then holding his breath for all he was worth, May went down into the tank. There, he secured a line with a timber hitch to each of the unconscious men in turn, enabling them to be hauled to the deck above.

This could not, of course, be done in one visit below. May had to go down into the tank six times before his task was completed. Indeed, after the third such descent he himself was practically overcome by fumes. As he drew breath on deck, sick and dizzy, a shipmate offered to take over and himself went down into the tank thinking to carry on the rescue work. But he, too, succumbed to the gas and there was no alternative but for May to go down several times more and rescue him, too, along with the remaining gas victims.

Although one of the gas-affected men died after reaching the upper deck, the other seven owed their lives to May's extraordinary courage and perseverance.

A thorough-going "man of Kent", Phillip Robert Stephen May was born in Canterbury and educated at Simon Langton Grammar School. In 1939 he joined the Merchant Navy transferring to the Royal Navy later in the war. There he was with Special Services, involved with landings (and sometimes evacuations) in North Africa, Italy, Burma, Madagascar and the Greek islands.

He left the Navy in 1947 as a chief petty officer and after a couple of years of temporary jobs went to study electrical and mechanical engineering at Canterbury Technical College, gaining his Higher National Certificate. From 1954 he worked for engineering firms in Africa and the Middle East. After his retirement in 1980 he devoted himself to his 60-ft ketch, spending much time living aboard her until she was destroyed by fire. He then retired to Broadstairs in Kent.

He is survived by his wife Dee, two sons and two daughters.

ANN WILSON

Ann Wilson, book editor, and analytical psychologist, was found dead at her home on January 10 aged 50. She was born in Birmingham on July 2, 1944.

IN A career in publishing which began in Canada and continued with Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Methuen and Macmillan, among other firms, Ann Wilson (whose professional name was Ann Halliday) was renowned as an exemplary editor: meticulous, tactful and constructive.

One of her great strengths was that she always adhered to the effective expression of the author's point of view. And she was as attentive to minor as to major authors. One of the former wrote: "Often she understood what I wanted to say better than I did myself. My debt to her is incalculable."

Born in Birmingham, at the age of 15 she went to live in Sunderland. At school there she made friends who would be important to her for the rest of her life. She took a history degree at London University and then went to live in Toronto. Returning to England after two years, she went to work with the Spastics Society, her first London publishing job. After this she joined Weidenfeld and Nicolson and for some years she was in charge of its illustrated books department.

Eventually she decided to devote herself to helping people. She worked with schizophrenics both professionally and voluntarily and gained qualifications as a counsellor. She also continued to work as an editor. She was regularly employed by Methuen, Macmillan, BBC Books and Bloomsbury. In 1990 she joined the Society of Analytical Psychology and became a Jungian analyst.

A joyous companion with a singular sense of humour, she also had an unhappy side. There were bleak episodes in her life which caused her intense suffering. What she found indispensable in dealing with her own sadnesses and with the nastier features of the contemporary world was irony, of which she was a consummate mistress, in tone of voice as well as in the sardonic look.

From 1993 onwards she fought with great bravery against a combination of dreadful illnesses, including aplastic anaemia and diabetes, which involved a number of operations and lengthy hospital treatment. Towards the end of last year she seemed to rally. She entertained more, met more friends, began to look well again and did more publishing work. But a new self-administered treatment became necessary, which was time-consuming and deprived her of sleep. On January 10, a friend having raised the alarm, she was found lying peacefully in her bed, having, according to a coroner's verdict, died of pneumonia.

She never married.

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13 TROTSKYISTS TO DIE

Sentences were passed this morning in the Moscow trial. According to Reuter, 13 of the accused — Piatakoff, Serebrya, Muraloff, Livshitz, Drobnis, Guslavsky, Kyazev, Ratachak, Norkin, Shestoff, Turok, Grashe, and Pushin — were sentenced to death by shooting: Radek, formerly leader writer of *Izvestia*, Sokolnikoff, formerly Soviet Ambassador in London, and Arnold were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment: and Strotiloff to eight years' imprisonment.

The prisoners stood with heads downcast and motionless as Judge Ulrich gave the decision, convicting them of organizing terrorist acts against Soviet leaders and plotting the assassination of Stalin. The Judges turned abruptly after the verdict had been delivered. They left the Court room, and the prisoners were then taken away under escort. Sokolnikoff walked with bowed shoulders, while Radek was rigidly erect. The public in the Court applauded the verdict.

In the case of the four not sentenced to death the Court found that there were extenuating circumstances, arguing that although the prisoners were guilty they had not taken part in actual terrorism. All the property of the convicted persons will be confiscated.

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More purges followed. In June Marshal Tukhachevsky and eight generals were shot and 36 "spies" executed. In October a further 62 became victims of the dictator.

PRISONERS' FINAL PLEAS
RADEK'S DEFIANCE
From Our Own Correspondent
Riga, Jan. 29

The last day of the Moscow trial began this morning with a speech by the Soviet lawyer Kommodoff in defence of Pushin, one of the three prisoners who have accepted the assistance of counsel. The two other lawyers had spoken on behalf of their clients overnight. Like them, Kommodoff admitted that the guilt of the prisoner he was defending had been established and that he deserved death. He argued, however, that Pushin was less guilty than the principal prisoners and requested the Court to consider that there were mitigating circumstances in his case. After Kommodoff had spoken the prisoners who had refused the assistance of counsel were allowed to pronounce their "last pleas."

The 14 men had little to say. They all admitted their guilt again, and declared that they repented of the course they had taken. Piatakoff regretted that Trotsky himself was not on trial with them. Radek spoke with some spirit and dignity. He said he had no right to lay the blame for his acts on others. He alone was responsible for them. He had forged the chain of secret conspiracy in order to produce an international conflagration. On the brink of death he wished to repeat this confession. He was sorry that he had worried his examiners by not confessing earlier.

Sokolnikoff was the first of the prisoners to ask for mercy — mercy for himself and the other prisoners, as their death could not benefit the State now that the Trotskyist organization was dead. He was greatly agitated and appeared at times to lose control of his voice. "I admit that I deserve death for my crimes against the Soviet Union," he said, "but I ask the Court to take into account some extenuating circumstances which may influence my judges in pronouncing judgment."

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A clear but uphill road to prosperity

Sally Nash reports on a gradual growth of confidence in the truck market in the wake of recession

Truck registrations in 1994 rose an astonishing 23 per cent over the figures for 1993, the highest year-on-year increase on record and a stark contrast to the ailing car market.

Ernie Thompson, the chief executive at the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, says: "Clearly demand for new commercial vehicles will continue and is indicative of growing business confidence."

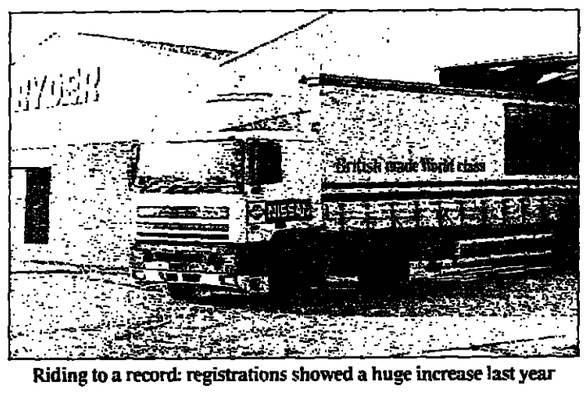
But the Freight Transport Association, which represents 12,000 companies running vehicles, says the increase in vehicle sales is unlikely to be sustained in 1995.

The FTA's latest freight monitor survey suggests that only 25 per cent of its members expect to increase fleet sizes of vehicles over 3.5 tonnes, compared to 29 per cent in 1994.

Leyland Daf, which sold 8,208 trucks over 3.5 tonnes in 1994, believes a lot of the growth has come from the construction sector, although the overall size of this market is still below historical levels. Leyland Daf's managing director, David Gill, says: "In almost every other sector there were strong performances, too. Only in the tiny 7.5-12 tonne sector [accounting for less than 3 per cent of total sales] did sales fall compared with 1993." A lot of transport companies are having to take on both new and replacement vehicles because they have delayed vehicle purchases throughout the recession.

NFC, Britain's largest transport company, says that although business volumes are picking up, the distribution industry is going to be very competitive for some time. Martyn Pellew, business development director for NFC subsidiary Exel/BRS, says: "There is a lot of activity but that does not mean prices are improving." The level of business inquiries is still high but they are not necessarily being translated into contract wins, he says.

In December, the group announced "disappointing" full-year results. NFC blamed a mixture of pressure on margins and difficult trading conditions for a sluggish pre-tax profit increase from £104.9 million to £105.6 million in the year to October 1, 1994.



Riding to a record: registrations showed a huge increase last year

BOC Distribution, a company which went on the acquisition trail last year, agrees with Mr Pellew's forecast on business growth. The situation year-on-year has remained static, says BOC.

The director, Roy Littmoden, says: "There is no higher level of confidence now than there was a year ago." He says that BOC is still buying new vehicles but they were mainly for replacement. Acquisitions are still part of BOC's business plan but they would have to be in niche market sectors, says Mr Littmoden.

Fullers Logistics Group is one company contributing to the vehicle manufacturers' coffers, as it expects to place orders for new equipment this year worth about £1 million. However, it does not believe that demand for increased truck sales can be sustained.

The managing director, Tony Dowley, says that new vehicle sales are not necessarily a direct result of increased consumer demand and increased manufacturing output, but are a reflection of the changing nature of the distribution function. "We are all constantly looking to make our investments work harder," says Mr Dowley, "and in this industry, this equates to being able to move at least the same, if not more, goods in fewer vehicles, across fewer kilometres."

Not everybody is quite as cautious. Hays Distribution Services is forecasting an expenditure of more than £2.5 million in new and replacement vehicles over the course of this year. The vehicles, which include tractor units, trailers, rigids and drawer demountable units, will be taken on because of a recent surge in new contracts. They will be for use on current, recently awarded and forthcoming contracts in all three areas of the company's business — dedicated, shared-user and primary distribution.

Wincanton Distribution is also optimistic. "In 1994-95 Wincanton's transport division alone has invested more than £20 million on new vehicles, significantly more than in previous years," says Alastair Elder, the managing director of Wincanton Transport.

Contract hire and rental is also enjoying a period of growth. Ryder bought two hire and rental companies last year before rounding off 1994 by buying Federal Express's operations, Systemline and Systemcare. The marketing director, Sue Lovell, says that Ryder has an aggressive purchasing and replacement programme for vehicles this year which will help increase overall sales.

She feels that retailers and manufacturers are now having to make decisions about implementing transport programmes because they have put them off for so long during the recession. But Ms Lovell does sound a cautionary note — interest rates may rise again.

For Ryder, the beginning of the year has kicked off in a promising way. "We are sustaining the growth in business which we were enjoying in the last quarter," she says.

She adds, however: "There is nothing to be blasé about. The green shoots are not going to grow into massive trees."

Dean Stiles looks at tempting finance packages for transport operators

Now is the time for the best deals on wheels

As Britain comes out of recession, haulage firms are finding that it has never been easier to raise money for truck and van acquisitions. An increasing number are taking advantage of the flexible and attractive deals now on offer from financiers.

Members of the Finance & Leasing Association provided £1.7 billion worth of vehicles in 1993, an increase of 18 per cent on the previous year. The fall in interest rates has made hire purchase rather than the traditional option of leasing the preferred choice, especially for smaller companies, while contract-hire deals have almost doubled.

All of Britain's high-street banks, through their specialist subsidiaries, are demonstrating a willingness to understand the specialist needs of the haulage industry by offering a range of carefully tailored finance packages designed to tempt large and small road-transport operators. Hire-purchase deals in 1993, valued at £961 million, were up 43 per cent on the previous year and accounted for 55.8 per cent of FLA member company finance deals in the road-transport industry. The biggest growth was in contract-hire finance, which almost doubled. Conversely, leasing at £762 million showed a 4 per cent fall over the year.

Hire purchase, or lease purchase as it is sometimes known, is a popular medium-term hiring facility, providing the customer with the option to acquire title to the vehicle in return for a purchase fee at the end of the hire period.

In the nine years from 1984 to 1993, leasing accounted for more than half the value of all truck-finance agreements, according to FLA figures, and was seen as the cheapest option for funding truck purchases. An important variant is the contract-hire facility. At present about a fifth of all new trucks are funded by contract hire and this is likely to increase. As a finance method, it is especially attractive to truck operators whose businesses are heavily regulated with strict enforcement of vehicle maintenance standards as well as the need to comply with operator licensing restrictions.

Leasing has grown over the past 20 years from virtually zero to become the principal form of medium-term business finance. Its attraction for haulage companies, whose principal assets are usually trucks, is the ability to bring new assets into use usually with only one rental to be paid in advance. A truck put to work immediately will become a self-financing asset.

For small companies, devoid of capital, it has been the only way to expand the business, while for larger, better-financed companies, it allows capital to be more usefully employed elsewhere.

Leasing agreements fall into two categories — a finance lease or an operating lease. Operating leases are long-term fixed-price rental deals where the truck operator is responsible for the maintenance of the equipment. The finance company owns the vehicle and charges rentals based on an estimate of how much the vehicle will be worth at the end of the contract.

A finance lease is a long-term hire agreement where the finance company allows the operator to use the truck for an agreed hire period but the operator takes most of the risk of ownership.

Roads are turning green

Transport cannot afford to ignore the environment, says **Maureen Gaines**

Being "green" is becoming an increasingly important issue for transport and distribution companies and one that they can no longer ignore. Some firms have already adopted environmentally friendly practices, such as using green diesel and low-emission engines.

Those that have not will be forced to become "green".

There are about half a million trucks on Britain's roads which are subject to emission tests. The large majority of trucks over 7.5 tonnes have to be equipped with speed limiters.

Now the industry faces the introduction of tougher controls designed to reduce pollution and congestion in Britain.

A report has just been published by the Departments of Transport and Environment which looks at ways of improving air quality. It recommends consulting the industry on possible ways of improving environmental performance and setting up a working party to discuss the retro-fit of particulate traps on diesel engines.

The Government is already considering a number of recommendations which have been put forward by the Royal Commission on Environment Pollution. These include halving expenditure on motorways and trunk roads; tightening EU emission levels; and increasing the amount of freight moved by rail from 6.4 per cent in 1993 to 20 per cent by 2010. The recommendations could offer the start of a coherent transport policy in Britain. But the transport and distribution industry has attacked the recommendations as being unrealistic and damaging to Britain's economy.

'Gas is a valuable alternative but we need Government assistance'

The industry admits more can and should be done to improve the environment but fears the cost. Companies are now concerned they will lose their competitiveness with European rivals or even go out of business. They want the Government to provide financial incentives and encourage companies to become "green".

The Road Haulage Association says acceptance of the commission's proposals will mean the cost of delivering goods by road will increase.

The Freight Transport Association says increasing fuel and truck tax will fuel inflation rather than move frieght off roads and onto the railways.

Haulage companies, vehicle manufacturers and trade associations have their own ideas about how to get the industry more environmentally aware.

The FTA believes the Government needs to tackle two key areas: reducing emissions at source through research and development and reducing road congestion by improving road infrastructure and public transport.

The British Road Federation agrees. Andrew Pharoah, the federation's campaign co-ordinator, says: "If we do not take account of these areas, we will lose investment to other European countries which do see road transport as an important area."

Disappointment was expressed at the Chancellor's decision to freeze the duty on gas-powered vehicles in last November's Budget.

Natural gas has a zero pollutant level and is a cleaner alternative to the Euro 3 and 3 low-emission diesel engines. However, the tax duty on gas is currently four times higher than on diesel or petrol.

BOC Distribution Services and Lane Group are just two companies which have realised the environmental benefits of using natural gas vehicles. Sam De Beaux, chief engineer of BOC Distribution, says: "This is a valuable alternative but we need government assistance. There have to be incentives."

Fuel is one of the largest costs incurred by a transport operator — TNT Express, with more than 3,000 vehicles and trailers, uses 50 million litres of fuel annually.

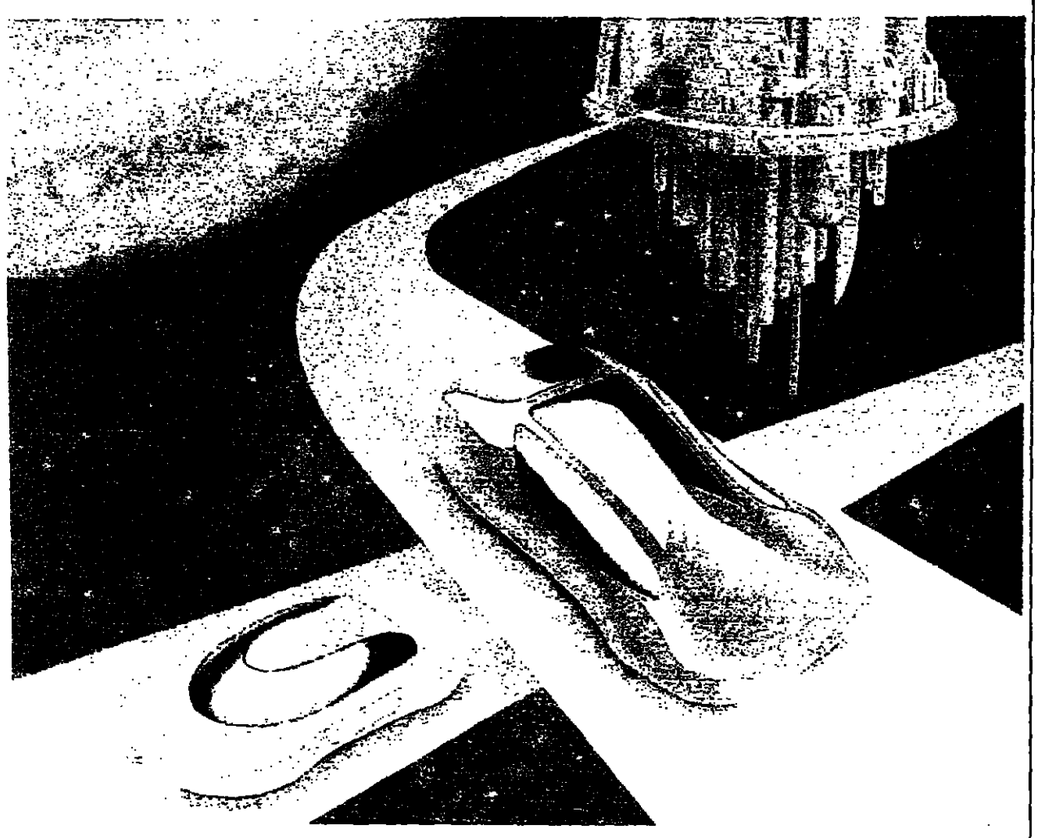
Doubling fuel prices means an operator has no choice but to pass the cost on to customers and, ultimately, the consumer.

Fitting and maintaining particulate traps on diesel engines could cost £4,000 per vehicle. The Government has made it clear it wants more freight moved by rail and has introduced a number of incentives to try and achieve this.

Both the Road Haulage Association and the FTA would welcome any move to maximise the amount of freight moved by rail. But they feel it is not realistic unless all shops are going to be served by railheads. Also, some of Britain's transport infrastructure does not favour rail.

Pat Lee, development director of Wincanton Distribution, says that in many parts of Britain, such as the West Country, there is no alternative to using roads for freight.

Environmental lobby group Transport 2000 believes priorities should be set for road use. There is a need to decide where and when priority should be given to freight vehicles, as opposed to other road users.



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In the van of the battle

John Aldridge on the van market's struggle out of recession

On the move: this year's Ford Transit — the company is easily the largest supplier in the United Kingdom

The British van market has a widely varied clientele. Some small businesses buy new vans, but many more live on second-hand ones, often those sold off by the larger fleets such as those of the gas, electricity and water companies, Telecom and Royal Mail. These last two purchase in huge volumes. For example, Royal Mail has orders for as many as 9,500 Ford Escort vans for delivery over the next three years — that is about 60 a week. Total sales of some other makes are less than that.

In recession the van market took a worse knock than trucks. Some small businesses ceased trading, and many others that survived stopped buying. That depressed second-hand values so much that some larger buyers of new vans decided to keep their fleets longer, rather than sell them for low prices. But there is a limit on how long old vehicles can be kept running. Repair costs will be high and fuel consumption poorer. Now replacement programmes are getting under way again in big fleets, second-hand models in better condition will gradually become available and revive the used-van market.

Sales of new vans last year were better than some expected, with nearly 170,000 registered, compared with fewer than 145,000 in 1993 — a disastrous year. Sales are still improving and one maker, LDV, *thinks* 1996 will be even better than this year.

For the buyer, the choice is huge. Ford is the top supplier by a wide margin, and with a wide range. It sold nearly 80,000 last year — nearly half of all vans sold. Next comes Vauxhall with a total of fewer than 25,000, followed by LDV, once part of the Leyland Daf empire, with more than 13,000. Birmingham-based LDV has re-established itself after its management buy-out in remarkable fashion. It is followed by Mercedes-Benz which sold more than 8,600, after which came Volkswagen with a wider spread of models and sales of 8,200.

At the other end of the market are a handful of small players, some selling fewer than ten a week, usually car-derived vans. It gives another product for the dealers: the man who buys a car may buy his van from the same source.

Opinions are divided about car dealers selling vans, and some larger volume sellers have also appointed more specialist outfits able to give a higher standard of service. Peugeot Talbot now has more than 50 specialist van centres, and Citroën has 90 Relay specialist dealers, Relay being Citroën's main model. Both makers and Fiat sell a van sourced from the same European plant and collectively known as the Sevel van. Some 1.2 million Sevels have been built in 13 years, and the range has just been extensively improved. The plant is owned jointly by the French PSA Group and Fiat. In the UK, Citroën sells the van as the Relay, Fiat as the Ducato and Peugeot Talbot as the Boxer.

The Sevel is not the only joint project. Fiat/Iveco is co-operating with Renault jointly to develop and tool for a new range to replace the present Renault Master. A proposed replacement for the VW LT 35 van will use parts from the new TI range from Mercedes-Benz that was unveiled to customers at this month's Brussels show. Surprisingly, the new TI is a rear-wheel drive, like Ford's successful Transit, but unlike the Sevel.

Also unveiled at Brussels was Nissan's new Vanette Cargo, to be built in Spain by Nissan subsidiary, Iberica. Petrol-engined versions will use a 1.6 litre unit from Nissan's British car plant.

With large vans, a problem is the bodywork options. Ford has bowed to demand for higher capacity by offering high-roof, high-volume models that are converted by Motor Panels at Wigan. Partially-built vans come from the Southampton Ford Transit plant, and the completed range is sold through Ford's European dealers.

LDV has pushed the "one-stop shopping" concept further than most and now offers in-house constructed, glass-reinforced plastics (grp) bodied integral vans as well as its own smaller volume, pressed-steel bodies.

At the smallest end of the market, Suzuki's Super Carry sold 1,465 vans last year compared with 345 in 1993.

Perhaps the van market is moving in two directions: as large a volume as possible if you are carrying loads for delivery, and as small as possible if you are carrying only tools and equipment.

Is it time for a change of track?

Adam Hill looks at the case for combined road and rail transport

As part of his duties, Brian Mawhinney, Secretary of State for Transport, faces the challenge of tempting the world of commerce into taking part of its livelihood away from a flexible, tried, reliable and cheap transport system — the road — and putting it onto rail.

The view that this is both desirable and necessary is receiving increased official support. The chairman of last year's Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, Sir John Houghton, argued that a "major transfer of long-distance freight from road to rail is an essential part of a sustainable transport policy".

The idea of combined, or intermodal, transport is not new: loads are moved by road to railheads, put onto rail wagons for transportation to another railhead and collected by lorry again.

To prove economical, journey length is an important factor. "We cannot really be competitive for distances less than 250 miles," a spokesman for Railfreight Distribution, the international freighting arm of British Rail, admits. That rules out the four-fifths of freight journeys in this country which are only 50 miles or so. But the opening of the Channel tunnel for freight traffic last year has provided a focus for the development of intermodal transport. Now, more than ever, there is a European dimension.

The Government's recent rejection of calls for a 44-tonne weight limit for all journeys of vehicles using British roads (it is presently 38 tonnes until 1999, when it may rise to 40 tonnes under an EC directive) is partly designed to give rail freight a chance to prosper.

At present, if a lorry is on a journey to or from a railhead, it can have a gross vehicle weight (the weight of the vehicle plus its cargo) of 44 tonnes, and thus the payload for consignors using combined transport, as opposed to carrying goods purely by road, can be maximised. The Department of Transport is giving the arrangement time to settle down, and will review the situation before the end of the year.

"The benefit of 44 tonnes in relation to European business is that we can plug into a pan-European network," the Railfreight Distribution spokesman explains. The normal continental limit is 44 tonnes.

Of the three main methods of combined transport, the movement of containers or swap-bodies — both of which are essentially boxes that can be carried on the back of an articulated lorry, put on to a train and taken off at the other end — has been part of the debate for years.

The bimodal system, technically more sophisticated than swap-bodies, but relatively new, effectively turns a road trailer into a rail wagon. The construction of a trailer's chassis to rail standards allows a railway bogey to be slotted under it to create a wagon which will run on the tracks.

Meanwhile the Piggyback Consortium — a disparate group of companies and concerns, including Eurotunnel, Kent County Council, Railtrack and Powergen — advocates the loading of articulated lorry trailers direct on to wagons, with appropriate modifications to both.

The odds in favour of a significant switch of freight to rail do not seem especially high. Mr Mawhinney believes that rail privatisation will help the development of combined transport, but delays in privatisation are not helping business.

James Hookham, head of rail-freight policy for the Freight Transport Association, says the delays are discouraging companies from risking their money or reputation by moving to rail. "The message to the Government is, for better or worse, let's get on with it. The one thing sapping confidence in railways is uncertainty," he says.

Breaking free of the Whitehall gridlock

Dean Stiles reports on the move to deregulation

Road hauliers in Britain are subject to the most stringent regulations of any European country.

This problem may be eased by the Government's deregulation legislation, enacted last November with implementation later this year, which sets out to address many of the bureaucratic burdens faced by hauliers. Until now, road transport regulations have concentrated on two major issues — vehicle safety and the environmental impact of vehicles. The public is protected by an enforcement system that sets minimum standards of maintenance for vehicles and requires operators to apply regularly, every five years, for a licence to operate commerical vehicles.

The system is administered by seven Traffic Commissioners, appointed by the Department of Transport, who have the power to refuse a licence application if they believe the operator is unsuitable. Unsuitability may be decided on financial grounds, or because operating vehicles from a site would adversely effect people living near by. A separate licence is needed for every location from which a company chooses to operate commercial vehicles of more than 3.5 tonnes gross weight. There are formal procedures through which the police, the local authority and local residents may put forward objections to a licence application.

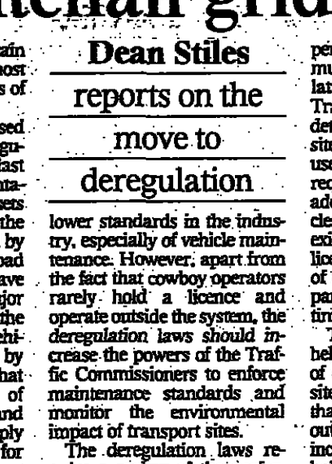
In theory, the system is beneficial. Every five years an operator is forced through the discipline of applying for a licence for each site used. But, in practice, most applications are granted unopposed, as a formality. The result is that road transport operators are often faced with the expense of applying for a licence needlessly and are burdened with uncertainty about whether they will be allowed to use certain sites.

This system is unique to Britain. No other European Union member state includes specific environmental provisions in its commercial vehicle controls.

However, this year the system changes, with the introduction of continuous licensing. Although the specific details are to be decided, licences to operate commercial vehicles will now be granted for an indefinite period. Critics of deregulation claim this will lead to a cowboys' charter and lower standards in the industry, especially of vehicle maintenance. However, apart from the fact that cowboy operators rarely hold a licence and operate outside the system, the deregulation laws should increase the powers of the Traffic Commissioners to enforce maintenance standards and monitor the environmental impact of transport sites.

The deregulation laws require a review of the performance of an operator every five years, but unlike the present system, where the review date is fixed, Traffic Commissioners will have the power to review at any time and take appropriate action.

This means that, under the new system, the police or local authorities can raise objections with the Traffic Commissioner at any time.



Jammed: deregulation may make life easier for hauliers

Those operators whose transport activities cause no complaint are spared the need to reapply for a licence every five years — a process which costs the industry an estimated £3 million a year. The Department of Transport believes that better targeting of enforcement through the use of computer databases holding details of truck operators' past performance will greatly improve standards among hauliers.

In theory, those hauliers identified as persistent offenders will be subject to more frequent review to assess their performance against minimum standards. The deregulation laws also enhance the Traffic Commissioners' role in determining the suitability of a site for commercial vehicle use. The deregulation laws require a transport site to have adequate space to park vehicles. It is possible under the existing system to have a licence allowing the operation of more vehicles than can be parked on the site at any one time.

These new measures should help prohibit a common cause of complaint about transport sites, made by local residents: that trucks are forced to queue outside the site entrance inconveniencing local households.

Although, under the deregulation laws, an operating centre cannot be closed solely on environmental grounds, the Traffic Commissioner can attach environmental conditions to the licence. The Department of Transport believes that since this protection cannot be extended to other hauliers coming onto the same site, creeping intensification of site usage will be prevented.

Objections to a licence should be much easier under the provisions of the deregulation laws, especially when these are made by members of the public. The Traffic Commissioner will be able to accept objections even if not made strictly according to the rules and regulations.

This provision puts the Continuous Operator Licensing system on a sounder legal footing in not denying natural justice. And unlike the present system in which objectors have just 21 days in which to lodge an objection, they will, under continuous licensing, have five years to do so.

However, there is still considerable uncertainty about the details of the new system. The Department of Transport is undertaking a massive review of its operations, including the present Traffic Area Offices headed by the Traffic Commissioners, which administer the operator licensing system.

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NEWS

Heath leads pro-Europe backlash

■ The Cabinet's Euro-sceptic line on further European integration further divided the Conservative party with Sir Edward Heath leading the pro-European backlash.

The former prime minister said it was a "great mistake" for Mr Major to bare his hand and side with the Eurosceptics in the run-up to the intergovernmental conference..... **Page 1**

Police caution cut to 37 words

■ Nearly six months after lawyers, civil liberties groups and police commanders rejected a hefty new 60-word police caution for suspects, the Home Office is launching a pruned version of 37 words. It reads: "You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence" ..... **Page 1**

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Royal hair a snip at £500

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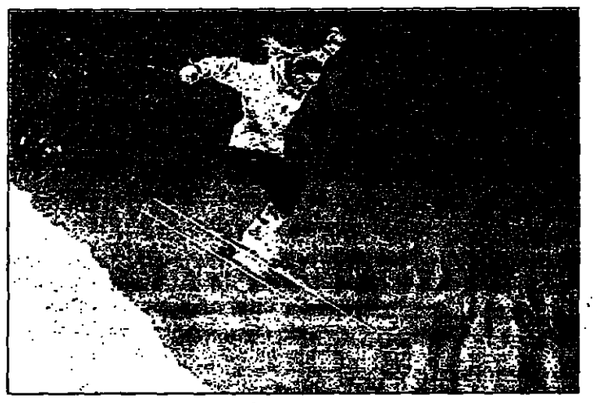

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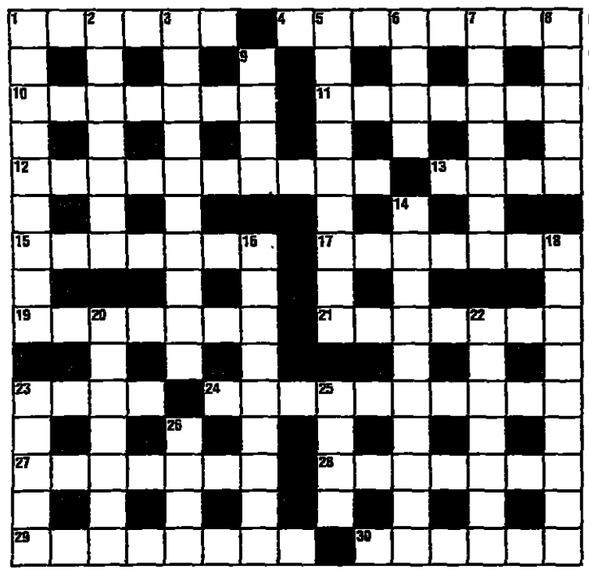

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1 The saying of masses or collects (6).
4 Lying in, black man had no right to avoid being fired (8).
10 Large amount, including money and silver, in sack (7).
11 Old, small volume I had to deposit — the head's back! (7).
12 Things that must be put right in bullfighting — the facts (10).
13 Fixative to stop the teeth moving (4).
15 Represent a great new American songster (7).
17 Confirmed account after the French left (7).
19 Hiring out a horse with a sort of cough (7).
21 Walk unsteadily through most of the abattoir (7).
23 He is right to hold on to property in retrospect (4).
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27 Where to place daughter with the better set (7).
28 Waltzer laid out on the rug (7).
29 They were in league, according to Holmes (8).
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1 Dance to score in children's game (9).
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3 The sort of tack one gets on board (7-3).
5 Close weeds in rural areas (9).
6 Pack the floor (4).
7 Account for former flat (7).
8 The system for counting pieces of eight, presumably (5).
9 Hand over to heirs utterly (4).
14 Mole's holiday on the river (10).
16 Deplored rude noise (9).
18 In a position to win match after set-back (9).
20 Confined to two sleeping places (7).
22 System providing a digital readout (7).
23 Down a dirty section of the pits (5).
25 St Paul's has one in the same state (4).
26 Distribute notes (4).

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FORECAST

General: over England and Wales most places will have a dry day with plenty of sunshine. Rain, with snow on hills, will spread to Wales and the west of England during the evening.

Scotland, too, will be sunny for much of the day, although the west will cloud over with rain in the evening and snow on the hills. Northern Ireland should have a sunny morning, with rain by mid-afternoon.

London, SE England, E Midlands, Channel Isles: dry and mainly sunny. Wind light northerly, becoming southerly later. Chilly, max 7C (45F).

E Anglia, E England, NE England, Shetland: chance of early snow showers. Wind light northerly, becoming southerly later. Max 4C (39F).

Central S England, W Midlands, SW England, S Wales: sunny for a while, then clouding over. Rain in the evening. Wind light northerly, becoming fresh southerly. Max 6C (43F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland: sunny into the afternoon. Rain in the evening with snow on hills. Wind southeasterly and increasing. Cold, max 4C (39F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: mainly sunny. Wind becoming strong to gale southerly. Max 4C (39F).

N Ireland: sunny early but turning cloudy. Rain from late afternoon, some heavy. Wind southeasterly increasing. Cold, max 5C (41F).

Outlook: more rain on Tuesday, with Wednesday turning brighter.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.66	3	37	c	Liverpool	2.8	0.25	8	46	r
Anglesey	-	0.15	8	46	r	London	2.3	0.11	10	50	sh
Aviemore	0.2	0.17	2	36	sn	Lowestoft	3.8	0.27	10	50	s
Belfast	0.3	0.06	7	45	r	Manchester	3.5	0.14	9	48	r
Birmingham	3.4	0.02	9	48	sh	Margate	-	0.14	11	52	r
Bognor R	3.8	0.20	10	50	sh	Minehead	2.3	0.17	11	52	sh
Bournem'th	3.2	0.29	11	52	sh	Morecambe	0.1	0.24	7	45	r
Bristol	2.1	0.46	10	50	sh	Newcastle	0.8	0.29	7	45	c
Cardiff	2.0	0.26	9	48	sh	Newquay	2.1	0.02	10	50	c
Clacton	5.3	0.24	9	48	s	Norwich	4.7	0.01	10	50	s
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Cromer	4.1	0.34	9	48	s	Plymouth	2.7	0.10	10	50	sh
Eastbourne	3.8	0.25	10	50	b	Poole	3.2	0.19	12	54	b
Edinburgh	0.8	0.33	6	43	d	Ross-o-wye	1.9	0.12	10	50	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.34	4	39	r	Sandown	4.6	0.24	11	52	b
Exmouth	3.6	0.05	11	52	b	Saunton Snd	1.5	0.08	10	50	b
Folkestone	4.6	0.28	11	52	b	Scarboro'	-	0.30	6	43	c
Glasgow	0.6	0.30	6	43	sh	Scilly Isles	0.9	0.20	10	50	s
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Herne Bay	3.2	0.16	10	50	sh	Southend	3.8	0.09	10	50	b
Hunstanton	4.4	0.18	8	46	s	Southport	3.7	0.19	8	46	d
Isle of Man	-	0.09	8	46	r	Swanage	4.7	0.20	11	52	s
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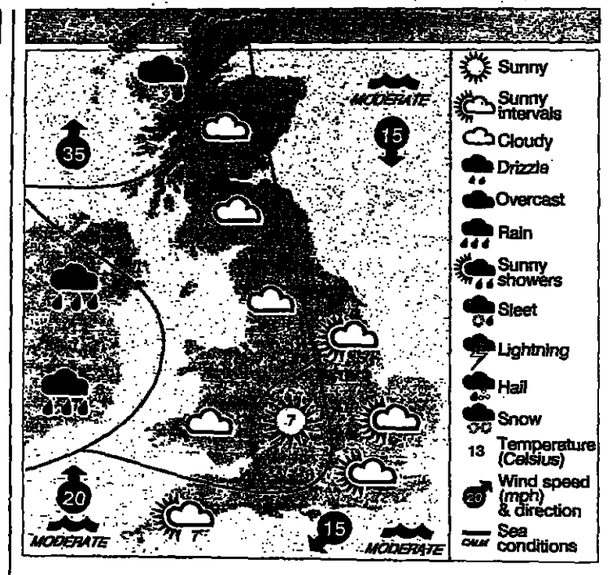
Leeds	3.9	0.13	8	46	sh	Torquay	4.0	0.20	11	52	b
Lerwick	-	0.08	2	36	sn	Tynemouth	0.7	0.18	6	43	c
Leuchars	-	0.37	4	39	sh	Ventnor	4.0	0.28	10	50	b
Littlehmptn	4.1	0.28	11	52	sh	Weymouth	3.8	0.15	10	50	b

ABROAD

Ajaccio	15	59	f	C'phagn	2	36	c	Madrid	9	48	c
Akrotiri	16	61	s	Corfu	13	55	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Alex'dria	16	64	f	Dublin	6	43	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	12	66	s	Dubrovnik	7	45	c	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	8	46	r	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	21	70	c
Athens	13	55	s	Florence	12	54	c	Miami	24	75	c
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	10	50	r	Milan	10	50	s
Bangkok	29	84	c	Funchal	18	64	c	Montreal	-12	10	s
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	9	48	f	Moscow	-2	28	sn
Barcelona	15	59	f	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Munich	8	46	r
Beirut	16	61	f	Helsinki	-3	27	sn	Nairobi	26	79	s
Belgrade	6	43	f	Hong K	13	55	f	Naples	15	59	f
Berlin	7	45	r	Innsbruck	2	36	r	N Delhi	19	66	s
Bermuda	-	-	-	Istanbul	8	46	s	N York	-2	28	c
Biarritz	11	52	r	Jeddah	28	82	s	Nice	14	57	f
Borde'x	13	55	r	Jo'burg	-	-	-	Oslo	-10	14	c
Brussels	9	48	r	Karachi	29	84	s	Paris	11	52	c
Budapst	6	43	r	L Palmas	19	66	s	Peking	5	41	s
B Aires	29	72	f	La Toquet	9	48	f	Perth	24	75	f
Cairo	19	66	f	Lisbon	17	63	c	Prague	7	45	f
Cape Tn	22	72	f	Locarno	9	48	s	Reykjavik	-2	28	c
Chicago	-2	28	c	L Angels	14	57	s	Rhodes	14	57	s
Ch'church	14	57	c	Luxembg	7	45	r	Rio de J	35	95	f
Cologne	10	50	r	Luxor	25	77	s	Riyadh	14	57	c

Rome	15	59	s	Salzburg	6	43	r				
S Fresco	14	57	f	Santiago	30	86	s				
S Paulo	21	70	r	Seoul	-3	27	s				
Sing'por	29	84	f	St'kholm	-5	23	c				
Strasb'rg	10	50	c	Sydney	26	79	s				
Tangier	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	17	63	c				
Tenerife	20	68	s	Tokyo	9	48	s				
Toronto	-11	12	s	Tunis	18	64	s				
Valencia	17	63	f	Vancver	6	43	r				
Venice	8	46	s	Vienna	6	41	r				
Warsaw	7	45	r	Wash'ton	2	36	c				
Wel'ngton	17	63	c	Zurich	7	45	c				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



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HIGH TIDES

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London Bridge	0:44	6.99	1:09	7.23	Leith	1.40	5.41	2.02	5.56
Aberdeen	0:29	4.29	0:44	4.43	Liverpool	10'34	9.59	11'04	9.41
Avonmouth	8:31	13.22	8.58	13.27	Lowestoft	8:51	2.43	8'57	2.53
Belfast	10:26	3.61	10.55	3.50	Margate	11'33	4.74	11.52	4.76
Cardiff	8:32	12.12	8.55	12.20	Milford Haven	5'31	7.02	5'56	6.96
Devonport	5:00	5.44	5:21	5.30	Newquay	4:23	6.80	4.46	6.80
Dover	10:25	6.51	10.46	6.65	Oban	5:13	4.05	5:32	3.86
Dublin	10.56	4.30	11.32	4.16	Penzance	3.59	5.47	4:25	5.34
Falmouth	4.34	5.16	5.01	5.04	Portland	6.05	2.14	6:32	1.98
Glasgow	–	–	0'10	4.74	Portsmouth	10.37	4.84	11:13	4.86
Harwich	11.18	3.95	11.39	3.89	Shoreham	10'42	6.28	11'11	6.34
Holyhead	8.38	5.74	10.10	5.54	Southampton	10:08	4.82	10.39	4.65
Hull	5:41	7.27	5:51	7.46	Swansea	5:44	9.41	6.09	9.38
Ilfracombe	5:17	9.41	5:43	9.42	Tees	3.00	5.28	3:16	5.40
King's Lynn	5:29	6.60	5:46	6.98	Wilton-on-Nze	11'15	4.11	11'34	4.09

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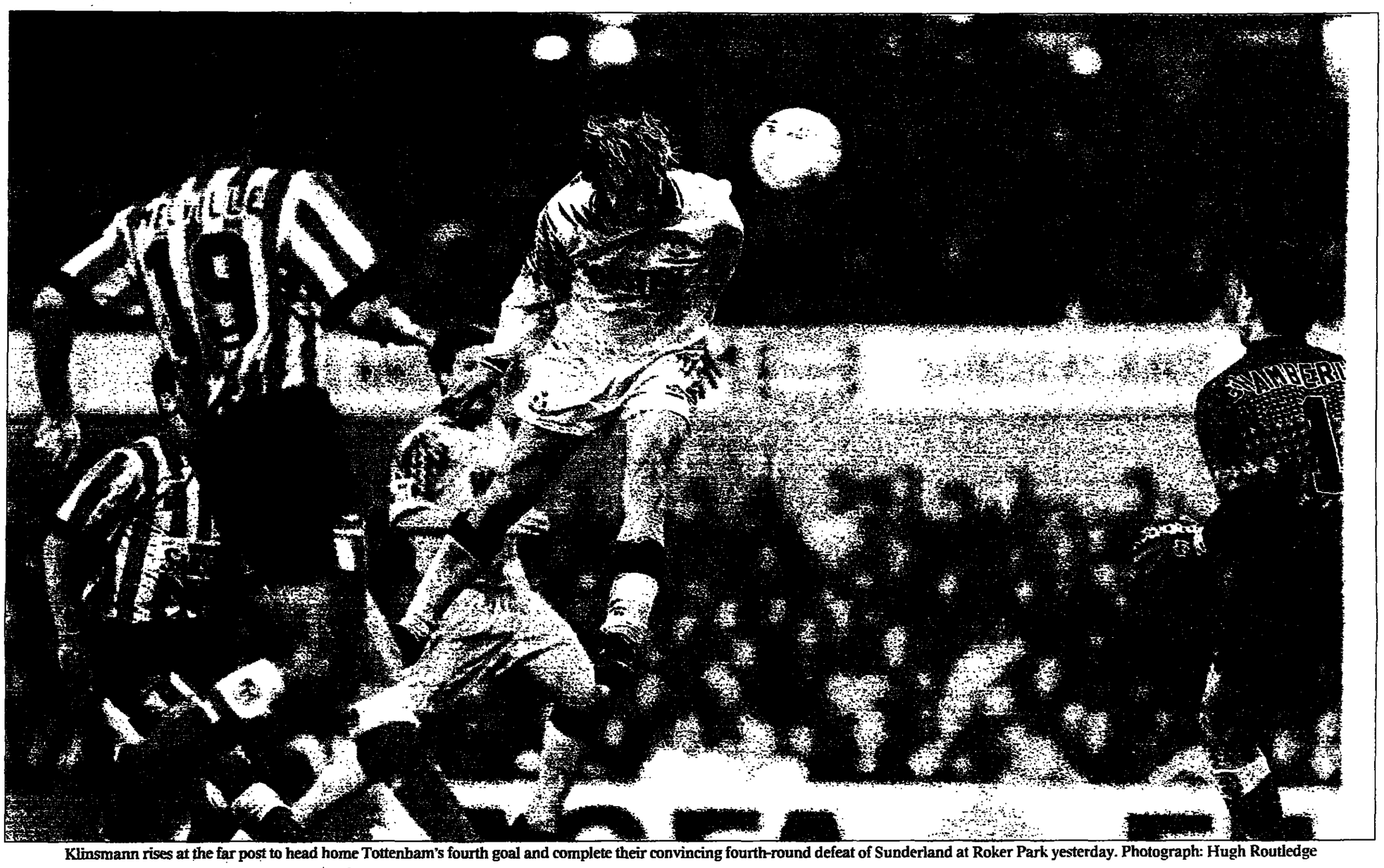

Klinsmann rises at the far post to head home Tottenham's fourth goal and complete their convincing fourth-round defeat of Sunderland at Roker Park yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Bennett's dismissal ends Sunderland's chance of Cup upset

Ten men bow to Tottenham

Sunderland 1
Tottenham Hotspur 4

BY DAVID MILLER

SUNDERLAND, that former northern fortress of the game that is crumbling away like Hadrian's Wall, tenaciously resisted the southern foe for 45 minutes yesterday, but were finally overwhelmed when reduced to ten men five minutes into the second half. The *statutory sending off of Gary* Bennett, their central defender, for handling on the goalline was the turning point of an FA Cup fourth-round tie that had been grippingly tense until that moment.

Once Klinsmann had

scored his seventeenth goal of the season from the resulting penalty, Tottenham went surging towards the victory that gives them a home fifth-round tie against Luton Town *or Southampton*. You could not, however, help feeling sorry for a Sunderland team that had magnificently raised its game on a rain-swept and windy day at Roker Park.

A supporters lobby, SAFC — Supporters Action For Change — was handing out press releases before the game calling for more positive assistance, in the production of a successful team, from Bob Murray, the leading shareholder, and his fellow directors.

It would indeed be indefensible if this club, one of the historic heartlands of football in industrial England, were to flounder.

The ground capacity, for instance, could be reduced to less than 12,000 in the near future in the absence of vigorous development, which would, in turn, lead to a downward spiral in which the club could never hope again to generate great teams. Yesterday, there were 21,135 spectators present — a far cry from the 61,236 that saw a 1-1 draw with Danny Blanchflower and company in 1961, the occasion of the last FA Cup encounter between these two, in which Tottenham won the replay at home by five goals on their way to completing the double.

Yesterday, everyone at Roker was recalling Sunderland's run of 1992 to Wembley, and ultimate defeat by Liverpool, and the players responded to the occasion, never mind that they lie seventh from bottom of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, having lost six and won only two of the last 15 league games. At half-time, a season ticket-holder observed to a friend that Sunderland "seemed to have just bought 11 new players". Sadly, the euphoria was about to be ruptured.

The transformation at Tottenham achieved by Gerry Francis since he became their manager has been truly remarkable: two defeats in 14 matches, both against Aston Villa, including his first game in charge. There is now that *pattern of repetition in tactical* moves that breeds confidence. This characteristic was evident throughout the first half, in which Sunderland, with the crowd and the wind behind them, were running like the hounds of hell while Tottenham, holding them off, seemed to be playing almost as well but with half the apparent effort.

Calderwood and Mabbutt have become a solid partnership, Calderwood prospering to a degree he never did with Osvaldo Ardiles, the manager who took him to White Hart Lane and who was his manager at Swindon Town. This is because Tottenham are now tackling in the middle of the field, where Popescu and Howells form a contrasting central midfield of touch and tackling tenacity, with Anderton and Barmby providing vigorous assistance on the flanks.

It was a pity that some Sunderland spectators should have gone home believing that the match had swung not on the penalty against Bennett but on a penalty not given, as they thought, in Russell's favour two minutes before the break.

The bustling Sunderland forward had beaten Campbell on the left and was cutting in towards goal when he fell, as *much tripping over his own* feet as from any challenge by Campbell. Some of the crowd started chanting "cheat" at the referee, which was transparently silly, for no referee is performing in order to win anything, but to interpret the laws as best he can.

So long as Ferguson, Smith and Armstrong, in the centre of Sunderland's midfield, were winning enough of the ball in their dual with Popescu and Howells, it remained even money on Sunderland. Mick Buxton, their manager, opted to play a 5-3-2 formation, similar to Liverpool's, and Tottenham found themselves contained for much of the first half.

After a quarter of an hour, *Walker had to dive at Smith's* feet as he went through on a breakaway; Phil Gray had a shot that flew wide; Kubicki, coming up in support on the *right, had a drive blocked;* and, soon after the half-hour, Sunderland had their best chance when Melville, coming up for a corner, back-headed across the goalmouth and Bennett, positioned just beyond the far post, had a good sight of goal but put his header wide of the far right hand post. There was plenty for the home crowd to cheer.

However, with the wind in their favour, Tottenham were instantly on the hunt in the second half. Anderton soon smashed a low drive into the side netting. Barmby, put away by Klinsmann's diagonal low pass to the left, sidestepped a defender to come inside and fire a right-foot shot wide of the far post.

Tottenham's interchanging up front was beginning to bewilder the Sunderland defence. Sheringham, finding space on the right, hit the outside of the left post with a fierce cross-shot. The ball came out, was driven back at goal by Popescu. Bennett handled and Tottenham were in front.

Six minutes later, Sheringham effectively settled things. His clever run along the byline from the right past Howey opened up the goal and he beat Chamberlain with a rising left-foot drive. Just after the hour, a corner conceded by Howey was partially cleared to Mabbutt, whose low shot glanced in off Melville.

Sunderland were finished, *never mind that Phil Gray* swept home a cross from Scott on the half-volley with 20 minutes remaining. Tottenham had slackened slightly and Melville, forcing forward five minutes from the end, might have scored with a far-post header before Klinsmann had the final say with his far-post header from Sheringham's cross. If the season had begun for Francis in August, Tottenham might be aiming for the double again.

SUNDERLAND (5-3-2): *A Chamberlain* — D Kubicki, L Howey, G Bennett, A Melville, M Scott — G Armstrong (sub., M Gray, 83min), D Ferguson, M Smith — P Gray, C Russell.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — S Campbell, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — D Anderton, D Howells (sub: S Nethercott, 86), G Popescu, N Barmby — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.

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MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

The pursuit of live coverage can be an exhausting business, never more so than when the action is in Australia. If the late nights do not get you, the early mornings will. After a week of keeping tabs on both the tennis at the Australian Open and the fourth Test, the armchair equivalent of jet lag set in. Suddenly, staying up for Channel 4's Super Bowl did not seem such a good idea.

So was it all worth it? Well, yes and no. Certainly, for instance, there can be few worse starts to the day than hearing Bob Willis gloomily pointing out for the umpteenth time that Slater and Taylor are matching each other run for run. Or Blewett and Healy come to that. Another day, another marathon Australian partnership. Yawn.

But yesterday got off to even more unsettling start, as a sleepy flick of the remote control brought forth the dulcet tones of John Barrett announcing the arrival of Pete Sampras's twenty-first ace. Twenty-first? Yes, despite my best intentions to join Sue Barker and BBC1 at the ungodly hour of 5.45, I had overslept. In desperation, I fumbled with the remote control again and thankfully found Eurosport. There was David Mercer, there was Frew McMillan and there, to my eternal relief, was the first set. Thank heaven for "as live" broadcasting.

In fact, the BBC's coverage was not live either. But as a member of the European Broadcasting Union, which had acquired the television rights for the Australian Open, the BBC was entitled to pull rank. As a result, its "as live" broadcasts were rather more live than Eurosport's, going out an hour earlier for the women's final and almost two hours for the men's. The logic of putting out recorded coverage at such an early hour was lost on me until halfway through Mary Pierce's wonderful victory over Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, when the answer — along with Saturday — dawned. At 6.30 in the morning, I defy anyone to have the physical dexterity to use Ceefax for the result.

Actually, it was fitting to finish the tournament with Eurosport, for, unlike the BBC, which just cherry-picked the finals, the French-owned channel had covered the whole lot, showing two matches live — the noisy encounter between Andre Agassi and Patrick Rafter and the epic quarter-final between Pete Sampras and Jim Courier.

In the recent past, I have been fairly rude about Eurosport's tennis coverage, which often condemns a single commentator to talking over a monitor in Paris for hours on end.

But this was a big improvement. Mercer and Simon Reed may still have been in France rather than Flinders Park, but they were alternating matches, and for the two big matches a day were joined by McMillan, who is as good a commentary partner as he was in doubles. The result was fresher, livelier commentary all round. In fact, with a producer in Melbourne faxing back the latest news and gossip, it was almost possible to forget they were not actually in Australia. I repeat almost — it's not something to be encouraged.

Both channels, of course, were helped by a tournament that at last served up popular successes and moving defeats. The pirate king won his crown and, in his moving tributes to the ailing Tim Gullikson, Sampras probably won more friends in losing a match than he ever made winning one. But as Eurosport's coverage of the woefully-attended quarter-finals revealed, it was the women's game that was in real need of a lift. Mary Pierce, according to Barrett, got a terrific welcome from the Melbourne crowd, which he put down to her playing "such an exciting game". If my knowledge of the Australian male — all right, males everywhere — is anything to go by, I suspect it was rather more to with the fact that she has long blonde hair and legs up to her overhead smash. Certainly cured the armchair jet lag.

Agassi and Pierce fill leading roles

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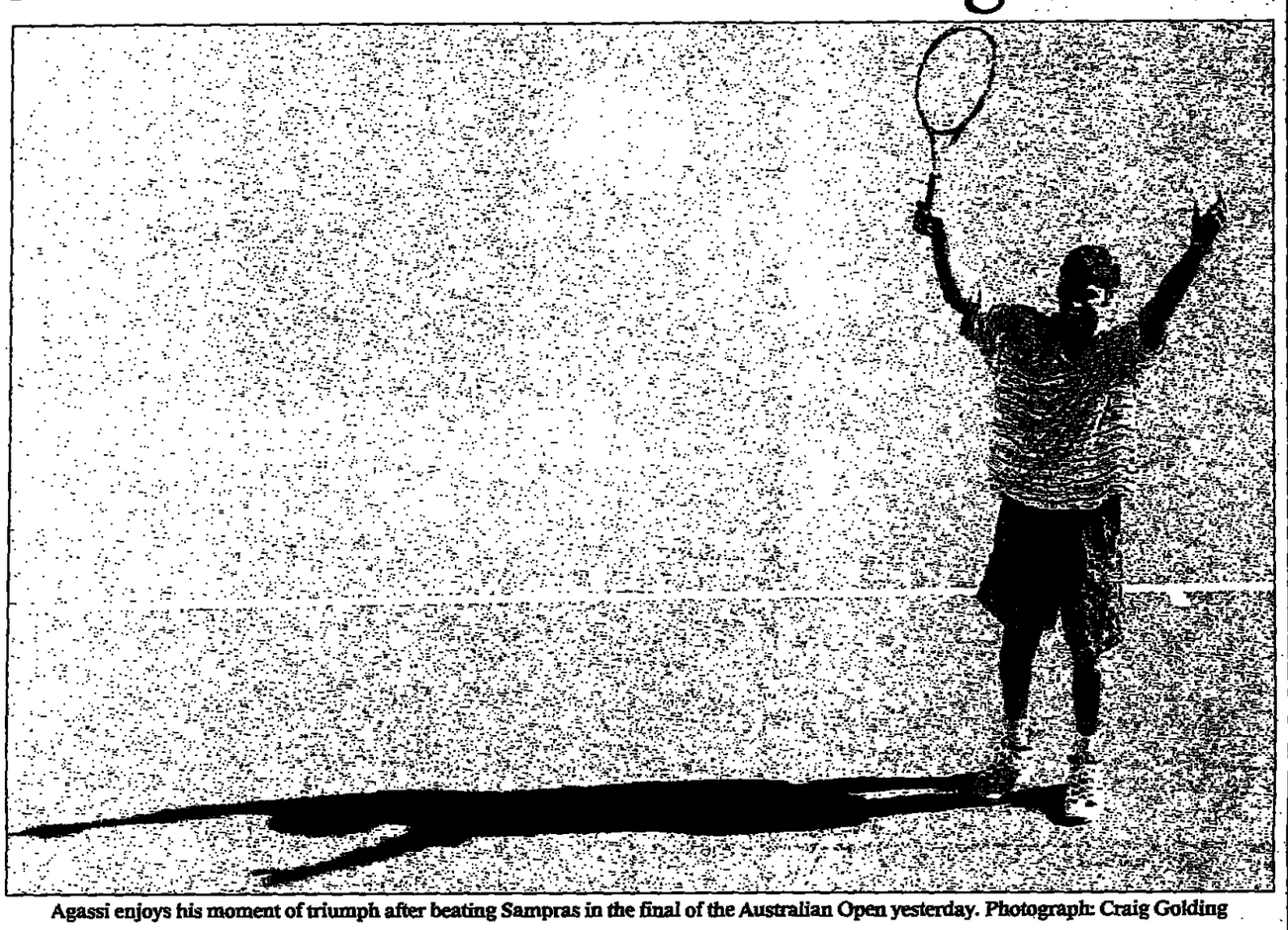

Agassi enjoys his moment of triumph after beating Sampras in the final of the Australian Open yesterday. Photograph: Craig Golding

THE pirate king and the drama queen, as Andre Agassi and Mary Pierce came to be known here over the past fortnight, filled their roles to the full at Flinders Park. There, over the weekend, they both convincingly deposed the top seeds to be crowned as Australian Open champions.

So acutely aware of their images that they are in danger of being portrayed as posers, especially in Pierce's case, they are not impostors. Striking the ball with uncommon power and sharing a single-minded conviction, they romped through their respective fields.

Competing for the first time here, Agassi stole through the bottom half of the draw unusually quietly. Cutting down each of his opponents in straight sets, he was most notable for his wholly remodelled appearance. To complete his resemblance to an extra in the *Mutiny on the Bounty*, he required only a flashing cutlass.

Pete Sampras had endured emotional and physical torment, ordeals that ultimately loosened his hold on the title. Though granted two days' rest, he admitted that his heroic recoveries against Magnus Larsson and especially against Jim Courier had "taken their toll". He was not mentally fresh enough to withstand another battering.

His principal weapon was not working either. Not until the fourth set, when he was determined to score points as quickly as possible to conserve his failing energy, was he putting in more than half of his first services. Under a burning sun, the pressure mounted relentlessly.

Against "the best returner in the world by far", Sampras was three times on the verge of being broken in the ninth game. Once those openings had closed, Agassi was initially unsettled — serving a couple of double faults as he conceded the first set — and then irresistible, establishing a 4-0 lead in the second.

"It was a strange match," Agassi later said, "because you could never be sure who had the momentum. When you thought you had it, you didn't."

Sampras had it when he broke to go 2-1 ahead in the third set. A game later, at 2-2, he had it no longer. Courageously, he responded to crises with which he had become familiar and saved six break points before, at 6-4 in the tie-break, the final took another turn. It was to be decisive as the native of Las Vegas, with all the intuition of a gambler, laid claim to the prize valued at Aus$480,000 (£245,000).

"I knew he was going out wide on big points on the deuce side and I had that returner's hunch," Agassi said. "When Pistol Pete has set point, that is when you have to go with your hunch." Opening his shoulders, Agassi unleashed a typically uninhibited forehand which clipped the net and fell in.

Sampras, once he had yielded the next three points, wore the air of a desperate man. Although he let loose 13 aces in five games, the rest of his shots were wildly imprecise. He managed to save two more break points, at 4-4, before going down 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 after more than 2½ hours.

His stature has nevertheless been enhanced. Described by misguided critics as being boring, the label has been consigned to the rubbish bin in which it belonged. Potentially tragic circumstances, centring on Tim Gullikson, his ailing coach, compelled Sampras to show in public the face seen previously only in private.

His defeat coincided with the official release of a comforting diagnosis. Gullikson, having been flown to Chicago for further tests on his heart, has returned home "with no evidence of a life-threatening disease". Sampras, during his speech on court, still choked when mentioning his name and had to compose himself.

Agassi has likewise reinforced his reputation. In maintaining his renewed, ruthless professionalism, he has prompted the same thought that was directed at Sampras a year ago — that he could complete the grand slam.

Pierce: drama queen

"If he stays fit," Sampras himself pronounced, "he's a threat to win every major title of the year."

Pierce is not yet sufficiently equipped to cope on grass at Wimbledon, but she will be a genuine contender in New York and in Paris, where she was the runner-up last year. Tense then, she was defeated by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

Against the same opponent here, she was as tentative on Saturday until the conclusion of the fourth game. Featuring five deuces and lasting for more than a dozen minutes, Pierce completed the sequence of breaks of service and dropped only three more games to win 6-3, 6-2 inside 1¼ hours.

Sánchez Vicario, allowed only one of the last 15 points, is the reigning French and US Open champion and she will next week claim another honour. She has accumulated enough points to overtake Steffi Graf and become the first Spanish woman, and only the sixth woman overall, to be ranked world No 1.

None of the last three — Graf, Monica Seles and Martina Navratilova — competed in Melbourne. Pierce's triumph, though she did not concede a single set, consequently lacked the authenticity of Agassi's.

Pierce's game, by her own admission, used to be "hit or miss". She has now learnt to hit far more often than miss — and, theatrically, to attract official warnings about wasting time when holding match point — but reservations about her evident control were still expressed by Sánchez Vicario: "We'll see if she's more consistent."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Davis fails to show his brightest form

STEVE DAVIS, attempting to win the seventieth snooker title of his career, ended the first session with a 4-3 lead over John Higgins in their best-of-17-frame final of the Regal Welsh Open at Newport yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Davis, whose 69th tournament win was the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters ten months ago, edged ahead despite failing to reproduce the scoring power of his 6-3 semi-final victory over Peter Ebdon on Saturday.

Davis won the first frame convincingly, but Higgins, who trounced Chris Small 6-1 in the other semi-final, responded with an 89 break in the second and moved 2-1 ahead by winning a scrappy third. Higgins was frozen out for long periods in the fourth frame and his long potting accuracy suffered. Davis won the next three frames, the sixth with a break of 95, but, in the final frame of the afternoon, both players made simple errors — Davis's was the most costly. He missed the black off its spot with the colours at his mercy and so went into the concluding session needing five of the ten frames to secure the £32,500 first prize.

Frail Schwer cut again

BOXING: Billy Schwer, the Luton lightweight, was unable to lift the International Boxing Federation world title in Las Vegas on Saturday because of the frailty of his features (Srikumar Sen writes). By the eighth round, Rafael Ruelas had made such a bloody mess of the Englishman's eyebrows that the referee was forced to call a halt.

The damage was done mainly by the chopping right hand of the champion, though Mickey Duff, Schwer's manager, said some of the rough work inside did not help matters. Schwer was bitterly disappointed because at the time of the stoppage he felt that Ruelas was beginning to weaken.

Cannabis trio recalled

CRICKET: Three players suspended for drug use on the recent cricket tour of South Africa have been recalled to the New Zealand Test team to play the West Indies in Christchurch. Dion Nash, right, Stephen Fleming and Matthew Hart were suspended for a week after admitting to smoking cannabis in South Africa and will receive special practice to prepare them for Test cricket.

Strong return for Brown

HOCKEY: Karen Brown made the most of her international comeback at a rainswept Bisham Abbey to score in two matches against Russia at the weekend. On Saturday, her goal ensured a 1-0 victory, and, in the 2-1 defeat yesterday, she gave England something to fight for (Alix Ramsay writes). Great Britain beat the United States 2-0 yesterday in the first of three matches in San Diego as part of their Olympic preparations.

Law is dismissed

YACHTING: The second round of the America's Cup trials got under way off San Diego yesterday without Chris Law, the British skipper, at the helm of Syd Fischer's Australian entry, *Sydney '95* (Barry Pickthall writes). Law was dismissed by Fischer after speaking out about an illegal rudder fitted to the yacht in the first round. Law had questioned the consequences of racing with a new rudder fitted without the knowledge of the official measurers.

Bees rediscover sting

ICE HOCKEY: Bracknell Bees sprang the surprise of the British league season on Saturday, ending Cardiff Devils' eight-game unbeaten streak (Norman de Mesquita writes). Bracknell had lost all five previous league and cup meetings between the teams this season, conceding 67 goals while scoring only 26, but after Ian Cooper had given the Devils a 1-0 lead, Chris Brant equalised and Rick Smith scored three times to secure a 4-1 victory.

Adeniken's record

ATHLETICS: Olapade Adeniken, right, of Nigeria, set the world indoor 100 metres record on Saturday with 10.13sec at an invitational event in Tennessee, breaking the mark of 10.16sec, set by Jürgen Ray, of East Germany, in 1976.

☐ Peter Browne, of Great Britain, set a world record for the veterans' 800 metres at an international indoor meeting in Budapest, with 1min 57.32sec.

Rushden face big task

BOWLS: Rushden, from Northamptonshire, founded seven years ago, will play Cyphers, the favourites, in a Denny Cup semi-final at Bedford on March 4 (Gordon Allan writes). The other semi-final is between Teignbridge, the semi-finalists last year, and Preston, of Brighton. Rushden led all the way to beat Torbay and Cyphers triumphed over Stanley, the runners-up for the past two years.

Sharpe cuts it fine to save Cannock record

BEN SHARPE preserved Cannock's unbeaten record with a goal in the dying seconds of their national hockey league match against Southgate yesterday to force a 2-2 draw (Sydney Friskin writes). The first half had been frustrating for Sharpe, who hit a post from a short corner and had another shot saved by Peters, the Southgate goalkeeper.

Southgate took a 2-0 lead with a goal by Soma Singh from a short corner in the third minute and Waugh added the second from a similar award five minutes later. But the pattern changed in the second half with Southgate on the retreat and Cannock forcing a succession of short corners.

Terrett, a substitute, reduced the lead for Cannock in the 58th minute with a hard shot from Mayer's cross pass and it was Mayer again who set up the chance, in similar fashion, for Sharpe's match-saver.

In a busy weekend, with many leading teams having two matches, Hounslow earned six points with a 2-1 victory over East Grinstead on Saturday and a win by the same score yesterday over Teddington, who led 1-0 at the interval from a goal by McGuire. Two quick goals by Robert Thompson about midway in the second period, however, turned the match.

Old Loughtonians were halted in their tracks at home on Saturday when they lost 3-1 to Havant after taking the lead in the first half, but came back with avengeance yesterday to beat Indian Gymkhana 7-1.

At the end of the day, Old Loughtonians were on top of the first division and Barford Tigers led the second, despite losing 4-0 to St Albans.

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Holley blitz wins Tigers a reprieve

PRAISE, however grudging, is always welcome as Tony Holley discovered on Saturday (Nicholas Harling writes). The 6ft 8in American is not the most elegant of players in the National Basketball Association.

That is unlikely to worry the former graduate of Troy State University, whose 27 points against Derby Bucks earned Thames Valley Tigers, the champions, a flattering 113-96 victory in a Budweiser League encounter. The most impressed observer was George Waldram, the Derby assistant coach. "Holley's no athlete, but boy can he play ball," he said.

Until they buckled in the last quarter, conceding ten of the last 12 points, the Bucks had made a gallant attempt at a shock win.

Sheffield Sharks, the favourites to succeed the Tigers as champions, retained their ten-point lead after overcoming Chester Jets 95-77 with Chris Finch (24 points) leading their scorers.

Pity poor George Waldram when last week the American scored 35 points only to finish on the losing side for Leicester City Riders. This week, he collected 36 and the Riders still went down, 102-89 at home to London Towers.

Tuigamala at Regal best

Warrington	10
Wigan	40

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

LONG after his team-mates had showered, Va'aiga Tuigamala was still in his kit and ruminating on a first 12 months in rugby league that reached a glorious crescendo with a record-shattering Regal Trophy triumph.

The former New Zealand rugby union wing joined Wigan, "because in a new career, you learn from the best" Tuigamala said. "Wigan resemble the All Blacks a lot, especially in attitude. I've played at the pinnacle in union and can relate to how these guys play, the way they think, their totally professional approach."

Much as the All Blacks, one of the deadliest weapons in Wigan's arsenal is the fear they strike in opponents. It caused Warrington to shrink from their task in a hopeless mismatch at Huddersfield on Saturday. The awesome sight of Tuigamala, in the centre, twice powering over and flicking out passes like a lizard's tongue for tries by Connolly and Offiah will take a long time for Warrington to forget.

A twist to the fear theory was offered by Henry Paul, another New Zealand newcomer, whose first-half juggling act after a kick ahead to furnish Tuigamala with his second try, might be offered as a lesson to the England cricket team. "May be I got it at the fifth attempt, but the biggest thing is not wanting to let anyone down," he said.

Tuigamala and Paul are fully paid subscribers to the Wigan work ethic. After-hours practice is devoted to ball skills, vision and communication — "doing the things over again that you take for granted," Tuigamala said. Frano Botica, the third member of the New Zealand trio, puts in endless kicking practice, but because of the snow on Friday, he prepared in a traffic jam "putting goals over in my mind".

Eight perfect strikes, from left, right and centre, were followed by the one miss that kept alive the dim memory of Castleford's 33-2 win against Wigan in the final last year as the widest margin of victory; the highest score and Botica's 20 points, including a try, scrubbed the rest from the record book.

Over 29 finals in all competitions in the past decade, perhaps only their 48-16 thrashing of St Helens in the 1992 Premiership was achieved with comparable brilliance.

Anyone of half-a-dozen could have won it, but the man-of-the-match award went to Clarke, a dervish in attack and defence. With his hamstring strapped, Edwards opened up Warrington with searching passes rather than kicks. Plain bad tackling did not help, nor the indiscipline of five early penalties by which time Wigan had posted 16 points in as many minutes.

Touchdowns by Forster for Warrington in either half, despite a 35-minute period of containment after the interval, merely ignited the Wigan blue touchpaper again. McDermott charged over, as did a rampant Offiah to end a scoring drought in his fourth Regal final.

SCORERS: Warrington: Tries: Forster (2). Goal: Davies. Wigan: Tries: Tuigamala (2), Botica, Connolly, McDermott, Offiah. Goals: Botica (8).

WARRINGTON: J Davies; M Forster, A Bateman, I Harris, R Myler; F Maloney, G Mackey; J Tees (sub: Sanderson, 63min), T Barlow (sub: A Bennett, 63), B McGuire, P Darbyshire (sub: G Sanderson, 18; sub: Darbyshire, 54), K Shelford.

WIGAN: H Paul; J Robinson, V Tuigamala (sub: P Atcheson, 58), G Connolly, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards; K Skerrett (sub: C Coates, 56; sub: Tuigamala, 75), M Hall, N Cowie (sub: B McDermott, 40), D Betts, M Cassidy, P Clarke.

Referee: S Cummings.

Workington held on for a 26-22 win at Hull, their fourth successive championship victory, resisting a spirited comeback which saw Hull score 18 points in the last 12 minutes. Lee Crooks landed five goals from five attempts as Castleford beat St Helens 18-16.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	50	100	fair	varied	fair	snow	-2	29/1
(Generally good; some icy patches low down)								
Schladming	60	110	good	varied	good	snow	-1	29/1
(Snow at all levels on good, hard base)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	135	300	good	powder	good	fair	-1	29/1
(Excellent skiing on and off piste; more snow forecast)								
Courchevel	140	260	good	varied	fair	fair	-2	28/1
(Good skiing but snow quite heavy below 2,000 metres)								
Flaine	140	260	good	powder	good	cloud	1	29/1
(Snow conditions superb on and off piste)								
Megève	90	250	good	powder	good	cloud	0	29/1
(Excellent piste conditions; avalanche risk still high)								
Tignes	205	290	good	powder	good	sun	-3	29/1
(Fresh powder everywhere; superb skiing)								
Val d'Isère	150	320	good	powder	good	sun	-3	29/1
(Powder paradise; perfect conditions)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	80	250	good	powder	good	snow	2	29/1
(Knee-deep powder in most areas; excellent skiing)								
SWITZERLAND								
Klosters	75	180	good	powder	good	cloud	4	29/1
(Excellent skiing everywhere; masses of snow; no queues)								
Verbier	40	220	good	powder	fair	fair	-5	29/1
(All mid and upper slopes good; odd warm patch low down)								
Villars	80	200	good	heavy	good	cloud	3	29/1
(Plenty of snow everywhere; excellent great skiing)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L: lower slopes; U: upper; art: artificial.

Adelaide Test marked by retirement notices and young Australian's dashing debut century

Gooch on way out as Crawley digs in

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

PHOTOGRAPHS: GRAHAM MORRIS

Gooch finds the going tough during his innings of 34 in the fourth Test in Adelaide yesterday

TO EVERY cricket team in almost every match there comes at least one window of opportunity, one chance to recognise and capitalise. Stumbling though this Ashes tour has been, England have regularly created such openings: but in Adelaide, as elsewhere, the critical moments have passed them by.

They were still alive in the fourth Test after the penultimate day, 154 runs on with six wickets down and needing to bat one more session to make life difficult for Australia. But they could, and should, have been in a far more favourable position, one in which victory was more likely than defeat.

In this match, England have done everything too ponderously. They have lacked dynamism and urgency, the mark of eroded confidence. They took too long to make 353 in their first innings and then, by bowling their overs in lagardly fashion on Saturday, condemned themselves to an extended final session in which weariness took its inevitable toll. The outcome was a shambolic couple of hours which may be seen to have cost them the match.

The familiarity of the story is one good reason why Graham Gooch has decided that his international career, all 20 years of it, will end when he steps off the field in Perth next week. Simply, Gooch is tired of losing. The other factor, of course, is that his pride will not tolerate the decline in his personal standards.

"My job is to score runs and I haven't been doing that in the quantities I expect of myself," he said, after a touching ovation for a fluent but unfulfilling 34. "I didn't take this decision lightly. It is an emotional thing, because I have put a lot of time and effort into Test cricket. But I set out to score hundreds and if I don't do it I get disappointed. Mentally, I can't handle a drop in my standards."

Gooch's timing is neat. He will play his 118th Test match in Perth, giving him the record for England appearances, and, yesterday, he became the third highest run-scorer, behind Allan Border and Sunil Gavaskar, in Test cricket. In all probability, Mike Gatting will also be bidding farewell in Perth, and then Michael Atherton can resume the course that he identified a year ago, surrounding himself with youth and potential. Such men, however, will need inspiration, and there were phases this weekend when the England captain appeared to lose his sense of purpose.

True, Atherton's batsmen had let him down on the second day, falling 50 runs short of an acceptable total. True, his seam bowlers had donated the better part of Australia's 81-run start that evening. There are certain events for which no captain can be held responsible.

But things looked up on Saturday when England took five wickets for 154 in the first two sessions. Yet, in the remaining session of the day, they conceded 159 runs and failed to take a single wicket. Atherton's use of Devon Malcolm was perverse, particularly bringing him back into the attack after a long break only ten overs before the scheduled new ball. He also ignored Philip Tufnell throughout the afternoon and, in common with the rest of the team, ignored him again when he appeared to have injured his foot in colliding with the boundary board.

The most culpable aspect of the leadership was the pace of the game, very much the captain's responsibility. England did not achieve the minimum 15 overs in any single hour and were left to bowl 36 after tea. Predictably, the fielding disintegrated along with the bowling.

During this period, Greg Blewett ceased to be a local hero and became a national one. He spent a nervous Saturday night on 91 not out, but, yesterday, to delirious acclaim from his home-town crowd, he became the first Australian to make a century on his Test debut since Mark Waugh, in the corresponding game four years ago.

Blewett's stand with Ian Healy added 164 for the sixth wicket in only 173 minutes. On Saturday night, as Healy was given the width he relishes and Blewett's voracious pull stroke was innocently fed, they had not looked like getting out. Yesterday, Healy was out to the fourth ball of the first over and Australia lost their last five wickets for 23. Sometimes this game is beyond explanation.

Malcolm took two wickets that he scarcely deserved. Healy and Fleming both being caught down the leg side by Rhodes, and fired a good one through McIntyre's untutored defence. Warne had already gone, aiming something cavalier against Fraser, and Blewett had reached his century only after a neurotic spell in which he persistently charged at Fraser and hooked at anything short from Malcolm.

When the ninth wicket fell, Blewett began to walk off, knowing — as the crowd did not — that Craig McDermott had been taken to hospital for stomach X-rays after complaining of cramps. It was a precautionary measure, with his illness of 1993 in mind, but McDermott, cleared of immediate anxiety, had arrived back at the ground just in time to strap on pads and avoid being timed out.

Understandably, he was not at full pace with the ball, and neither was Fleming, sparingly used because of to hamstring trouble. Yet both contributed to another disappointing England batting effort on a pitch that had not deteriorated as anticipated. Indeed, it turned so slowly that Warne took only the wicket of the hapless Rhodes and now has just four wickets in his last 108 Test overs, a sign that he may be as tired as England.

Whatever persuaded Mark Taylor to give Mark Waugh a spell immediately after lunch, it was an inspired move. Waugh dismissed Atherton leg-before in his first over, then bowled Gatting for nought in his second.

Gooch was batting serenely until being caught behind for the fifth time in a series in which he is averaging only 25, and for all the merits of Graham Thorpe's 83, he was out to an impulsive stroke at a bad time. He has now been out 11 times between 50 and 100 and made only one Test century. He is an asset to the side, but must make more of the platforms he regularly constructs.

John Crawley, by contrast, was in no mood for charity. When he lost Thorpe, Rhodes and Lewis in the space of 40 minutes, the Australians sensed a decisive advantage, but the seventh-wicket pair added 39 before the close, sending the thousands of English supporters back to their hotels with hope, if not belief, in their hearts.

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SCORE

ENGLAND: First Innings 353 (M W Gatting 117, M A Atherton 80).

Second Innings

A Gooch c Healy b McDermott	34 (132min, 101 balls, 3 fours)
M A Atherton lbw b M E Waugh	14 (61min, 55 balls)
W Gatting b M E Waugh	0 (8min, 5 balls)
P Thorpe c Warne b McDermott	83 (140min, 117 balls, 10 fours)
C Crawley not out	49 (167min, 114 balls, 2 fours)
J Rhodes c Fleming b Warne	2 (20min, 8 balls)
C Lewis b Fleming	7 (22min, 19 balls, 1 four)
A J DeFreitas not out	20 (44min, 38 balls, 2 fours)
Extras (b 6, lb 5)	11
Total (8 wkts, 76 overs, 300min)	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26 (Gooch 11), 2-30 (Gooch 15), 3-83 (Thorpe 33), 4-154 (Crawley 18), 5-169 (Crawley 25), 6-181 (Crawley 30)

BOWLING: McDermott 20-5-46-2 (nb 1), 3-1-17-0, 5-2-11-1, 5-0-15-1, 2-1-3-0), Warne 9-3-18-1 (5-2-8-0, 4-1-11-1), Fleming 25-7-60-1 (2-2-0-0, 8-2-27-0, 5-3-33-1), M E Waugh 10-4-25-2 (6-4-2, 3-0-16-0, 1-0-6-0); McIntyre 8-0-36-0 (5-0-22-0, 1-0-5-0, 3-0-9-0); Blewett 4-0-19-0 (one spell).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

J Slater c Atherton b DeFreitas	67 (152min, 113 balls, 6 fours)
M A Taylor lbw b Lewis	90 (267min, 200 balls, 7 fours)
D C Boon c Rhodes b DeFreitas	0 (9min, 5 balls)
M E Waugh c Rhodes b Fraser	39 (110min, 64 balls, 3 fours)
S R Waugh c Atherton b Lewis	19 (45min, 33 balls, 2 fours)
M G Blewett not out	102 (281min, 180 balls, 12 fours)
†I A Healy c Rhodes b Malcolm	74 (173min, 121 balls, 6 fours)
S K Warne c Thorpe b Fraser	7 (19min, 12 balls, 1 four)
*M W Fleming c Rhodes b Malcolm	0 (4min, 4 balls)
C McIntyre b Malcolm	0 (17min, 8 balls)
G D McDermott c Crawley b Fraser	5 (6min, 7 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 7)	16
Total (121.5 overs, 535min)	419

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-128 (Taylor 57), 2-130 (Taylor 59), 3-202 (M E Waugh 36), 4-207 (S R Waugh 1), 5-232 (Blewett 9), 6-326 (Blewett 91), 7-405 (Blewett 93), 8-408 (Blewett 94), 9-414 (Blewett 102).

BOWLING: Malcolm 28-5-78-3 (nb 3; 7-1-23-0, 6-1-24-0, 5-2-15-0, 4-1-8-0, 5-0-33), Fraser 28.5-8-95-3 (nb 4, 5-0-27-0, 6-0-17-0, 10-5-20-1, 5-1-20-0, 4.5-0-17-1), Tufnell 24-5-64-0 (nb 1; 6-2-10-0, 6-2-20-0, 3-0-21-0, 4-0-13-0, 1-1-0-0), DeFreitas 20-3-70-2 (3-0-11-0, 6-3-10-2, 4-0-19-0, 3-0-16-0, 3-0-14-0); Lewis 18-1-71-2 (nb 6; 2-0-9-0, 3-0-14-0, 7-1-30-2, 4-0-9-0, 2-0-19-0); Gooch 5-0-22-0 (one spell).

Umpires: P D Parker (Aus) and S Venkataraghavan (India). TV replay umpire: S J Davis. Match referee: J R Reid (NZ).

PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs. Third Test (Sydney): Match drawn.

MATCH TO COME: Fifth Test: Perth (Feb 3 to 7)

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LEADING RUN-SCORERS IN TESTS

	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avge	100	50
A R Border (Aus)	156	265	44	*205	11,174	50.56	27	63
S M Gavaskar (India)	125	214	16	236*	10,122	51.12	34	45
G A Gooch (Eng)	117	213	6	333	8,859	42.78	20	46
Javed Miandad (Pak)	124	189	21	280*	8,832	52.57	23	43
I V A Richards (WI)	121	182	12	291	8,540	50.23	24	45
D I Gower (Eng)	117	204	18	215	8,231	44.25	18	39
G Boycott (Eng)	108	193	23	246*	8,114	47.72	22	42
G St A Sobers (WI)	93	160	21	365*	8,032	57.78	26	30

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Blewett grateful for happy blend of circumstances

JOHN WOODCOCK
At the Adelaide Test

In announcing his intention to retire from Test cricket at the end of this tour to Australia, Graham Gooch has bowed to the inevitable. He is not so much tired of it as drained by it, and he knows that, in Michael Atherton, England have a captain who is keen to build for the future rather than cling to the past.

With so much international cricket being played — far too much, as everyone knows, including the game's senior administrators — the physical and mental demands it makes are more exacting than ever. Lady Bradman has said that her husband's preparation on the day of a Test match would start the moment he woke up. Straight away, he would begin to concentrate on the game in hand. That, to her mind, had more to do with his extraordinary success than the quickness of his eye or the certainty of his footwork.

Gooch now finds it harder than he did to get to the wicket cocooned in this way. True, in two of his last three Test innings, he has been unlucky to be given out; but twice recently he has fallen to a full toss at the very start of an innings, and his judgment of what to leave and what to play, of such paramount importance against the new ball and so much a matter of nerve, is not quite what it was. Nor, at 41, is he of an age to be worrying about these things.

Gooch has been one of the greatest of all England players of fast bowling, a very considerable Test cricketer and a credit to his profession. I doubt whether it will be long before Mike Gatting, too, accepts that the remainder of his days will have to be spent on the county circuit. His failure yesterday may have scotched any other ideas which his fighting hundred on Friday gave him.

As we prepare to say farewell to Gooch, so we hail Greg Blewett: the one so quintessentially English, the other so assertively Australian. By playing as he did while making his undefeated hundred, Blewett did the younger school of Australian batsmen proud. As most of them do, he went after the bowling once he had got his eye in, his strokes and footwork a legacy of the good, hard pitches on which he learnt the game.

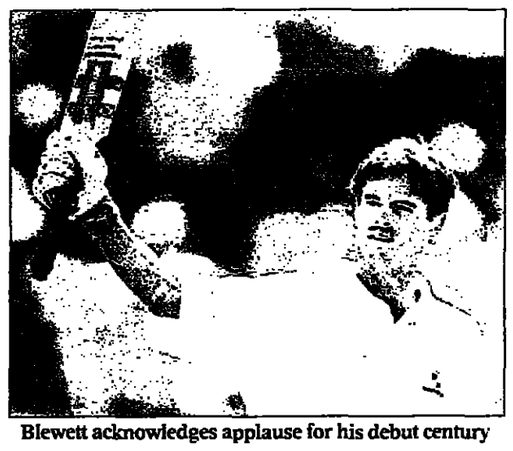
He has been working hard on his medium-paced bowling, too, and but for that might not have been chosen ahead of Damien Martyn and Ricky Ponting, who are both, if anything, even more talented with the bat.

Blewett, by the way, is the only member of the Australia side not to have legs like a tree trunk, being more wiry and lissom than the others. I only know because it is the custom out here to conduct practice in shorts.

It is Blewett's good fortune to be playing his first Test match before a delirious home crowd, on one of the world's best pitches and against England, rather than on a dusting pitch in Bombay or against a fired-up West Indies attack in Bridgetown.

It is the custom these days to display on a screen an incoming batsman's career record, first in all his Test matches and then against the opponent's of the moment. When England are involved, the relevant batsman's average against them is invariably considerably higher than the overall figure. Steve Waugh's, for example, is 58 against England and 37 overall, his brother Mark's is 55 as against 36, and Mark Taylor's 52 as against 44. Playing first-class cricket in the world today are 32 batsmen who have made Test hundreds against England.

So for England to have removed Michael Slater, Taylor, David Boon and both the Waughs in the course of a sunny Saturday afternoon in Adelaide, bordered on the miraculous. Blewett then came and rather spoilt the party, anyway for England, but he did it very agreeably. By contrast, Gooch started his Test career with a pair against Australia. Yet Blewett would settle now, I am sure, for matching the old English soldier's record of achievement.



Blewett acknowledges applause for his debut century

Salisbury future on line and length

IAN SALISBURY will be fighting for his immediate international future when England A resume their see-saw second Test battle with their Indian counterparts in Calcutta today.

Salisbury, the leg-spinner, was given just four overs by Alan Wells, his captain, as India A, facing a deficit of 100, hit back by reaching 204 for two in their second innings by close of the third day.

One waist-high full toss was thumped for six by Vikram Athore, the opening batsman, who led the Indian fightback with an elegant unbeaten 113, and Salisbury's brief appearance in the attack cost 16 runs. In stark contrast, Richard Stemp and Min Patel, the other spinners, were given 26 and 22 overs apiece.

Salisbury will hope for more of a chance today, but Wells's lack of confidence so far in the innings is an alarming development for a bowler who went to India with high hopes of rejuvenating his England career. So far in the series, Salisbury has bowled only 28 overs and taken just one wicket for 105 runs.

It is Salisbury's lack of control as much as a dip in form that is letting him down, and even with England's sizeable first innings advantage, he found it difficult to settle into a rhythm.

In fact, England A's best prospects of putting themselves into a winning position today seem to be through the pace of Glen Chapple and Dominic Cork. The second new ball is available after only five overs, and late yesterday both men achieved some reverse swing with a ball 70 overs old.

Phil Neale, the England manager, knows that India's comeback has asked new questions about the resolve of his young side, which has played so well on tour to date and leads the three-match series 1-0 after a four-wicket victory in Bangalore.

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Classic performance by 'miraculous' Couples

Couples: battle-hardened

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN MANILA

AFTER Fred Couples had won the Desert Classic in Dubai, he said he liked the desert and the challenge its conditions presented to him. One week later, 4,000 miles further around the world and on a different continent, the result was the same. The American with the slow swing and slow smile won the Johnnie Walker Classic in the Philippines.

Couples generally comes into his own late in the year. If he carries on playing as well as he is now, goodness knows what he will have achieved by then. This was his sixth victory since November 1. Two weeks' work earned him £175,000 in prize-money. Not a bad haul to start the year.

In the past few years, Couples has become so battle-hardened that his steadiness and experience in tight corners now saw him through to victory. A 71 for a 72-hole total of 11-under-par gave him victory by two strokes from Nick Price, who had a 70, three strokes from Robert Allenby, the Australian Open champion, and four from Michael Campbell, Andrew Coltart and Greg Norman.

Couples is often lauded for the ease with which he launches the ball enormous distances from the tee. Yesterday, it was his tidying up at the other end of each hole that was so impressive. "Around the greens, I was spectacular," Couples said. "That was what won it for me."

The greenside grass at The Orchard looks like a Brillo pad. The accepted way to play out of it is with a long, soft stroke that allows the clubhead to do the work, like a soft bunker shot. A short, firm stroke gets caught in the grass.

Twice, Couples played these slow, floppy shots almost to perfection. On the fourth, he saved his par, and again on the 14th. "That was a miraculous shot," Peter Oosterhuis, the former player turned television commentator, said after watching the second of these. "You have to judge them so precisely." This second stroke was even more important because Allenby had just birdied to draw level with Couples, and this repelled the challenge of the young Australian.

Allenby and Couples were level with four holes to play. The smart money was on Couples. Although Allenby is the Australian Open champion, he won the title despite dropping four strokes in his last five holes. In short, he is brittle under pressure.

When Couples struck a magnificent three-iron to within ten feet of the 16th and then sank the putt, that was sufficient to frighten off all his challengers. He covered the last four holes in one under par, Allenby in two over.

It is thrilling to see young men apparently revelling in the pressure. One such was Michael Campbell, 25, the Maori who is in only his second season in Europe. He drew level with Couples by starting with a birdie and following this with an eagle before his inexperience got the better of him.

Another was Andrew Coltart who matched Nick Price, the Open champion, stroke for stroke, 70 to 70. Coltart, 24, may be chastising himself for missing from four feet on the 10th, for thinning a bunker shot on the 12th and taking two putts from 3½ feet on the 15th.

Of much more importance in the long term is Price's assessment after his first round with the straight-backed, gravel-voiced Scot. "I was very impressed with him," Price said. "He has a strong swing and he looks like he could play anywhere. He can play on American courses because he played well here and he can play on links because he grew up on them. Today, he never stopped pulling the trigger. He never backed off."

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Cup challenge finds Forest lacking in flair and appetite

Dowie: scored for Palace via bar and goalkeeper

Michael Henderson sees Crystal Palace finish deserved 2-1 winners at a rather subdued City Ground

NOTTINGHAM FOREST went out of the FA Cup on Saturday, and the Nottingham public hardly cared a jot. Fewer than 17,000 people bothered to watch this fourth round tie between Premiership clubs, a smaller crowd than for any of Forest's league matches this season, and those that did turn up were strangely subdued. So much for the "romance", "glory" or what-have-you of the Cup.

Now that people have temporarily shelved their file of clichés about Cantona (who is now, apparently, a "Renaissance man"), we can get on with adorning the Cup with a few well-worn ones. Frank Clark, the Forest manager, his face longer than a country road without a pub, said: "There are no second chances in the Cup". Why, have they done away with replays?

Alan Smith, the bank clerk who manages Crystal Palace, said with a straight face that the game was not about players, but "the team".

In his case, perhaps he has a point. The Southgates and Newmans of this world will never set off a stampede for Selhurst Park. The presence of the wonderfully-named Bobby Bowry on the substitutes' bench suggested that Palace had recruited a rather poor end-of-pier entertainer. Certainly, they need someone to lighten the tone of their cold, functional team.

They earned their win; nobody can deny that. Clark may have thought that Forest had the better of the game, but, in all seriousness, he cannot honestly believe they played well. They were abysmal, lacking harmony, resolve and, at times, interest. Gemmill, withdrawn with 17 minutes to go, contributed nothing. Chettle, deputising at left back for the injured Pearce, had an abominable afternoon.

More pressing a problem for Clark is the form of Roy. He hit the post on Saturday, when Martyn watched the ball skim across his goalmouth without a care in the world, but the Dutchman's overall contribution was negligible. This is a different man altogether from the chap who began the season in such dazzling style.

Collymore's difficulties are no less troubling. He looks a tortured soul at the moment, ill at ease with himself and others. He was booked here, for a foul on Patterson, and did not present Palace with many problems to solve thereafter.

This is what happens when players get carried away with lofty ambitions before they have made a proper mark on the game. He is a good player, though far from a truly outstanding one, and his manners on and off the field could do with some tidying up.

Both Palace goals came from crosses, one from the left to the far post, the other from the right to the near. Pitcher, climbing at the far post to meet Dowie's cross, was denied a third goal by the crossbar. Cooper and Tiler, Forest's centre halves, endured a torrid afternoon. The first goal, after five minutes, was made in the first instance by Gordon, the left back, who released Salako with a pass along the touchline that few defenders like to play. Salako's cross, delivered immediately, was long and there was a lengthy wait before Armstrong could celebrate his goal, the ball looping over Crossley like a grenade in slow motion.

Armstrong had pulled a hamstring even before heading that goal, and was eventually replaced ten minutes from time, having played a full part. Whether he is worth £4 million of anyone's money is another matter. Worth more than Alan Shearer?

Forest drew level through Bohinen, the second time in the last month he has scored direct from a corner. Stone and Roy hit the same post from a similar range. More culpably, Collymore failed to control Roy's pass which had put him beyond Coleman and offered a direct route to goal. Forest might have known then that this was not to be their day.

Dowie, that workaday centre forward, made sure it belonged to Palace with his first goal for the club. Salako made the opportunity by breaking down the right and his cross begged to be headed in. The ball struck the bar and came to rest in the net after bouncing off Crossley's shoulder when the goalkeeper was in flight.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, C Tiler, S Chettle — S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, S Gemmill (sub: G Bull, 73min) — B Roy, S Collymore.
CRYSTAL PALACE (4-3-3): N Martyn — D Patterson, R Shaw, C Coleman, D Gordon — G Soutgate, D Pitcher, R Newman — C Armstrong (sub: A Preece, 80), I Dowie, J Salako.
Referee: R Hart.

Justice seen to be done as Millwall breathe once more

Millwall 0
Chelsea 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

GREAT stadium, great occasion, great disappointment. Millwall and Chelsea conspired to produce a lukewarm FA Cup fourth-round tie at the New Den on Saturday, an all-London duel that promised much, delivered little and offered only minimal hope for the replay.

It left a sour taste, too, after a pathetic display of post-match posturing from the mentally challenged who masquerade as football supporters. That there was no explosion, no riot, was a tribute to seven police horses, an army of stewards and an ever-expanding thin blue line that kept the brainless at bay.

Chief Inspector Geoff Curtis revealed the damage, in statistical and human terms. "Five arrested," he said, "two for assault, two for drunkenness, one for disorderly behaviour. Thirteen ejected from the ground, three policemen injured, two taken to hospital. It was a top-category game, we had 100 more officers than normal, and although we would have preferred no problems, it hasn't gone too badly."

Another day at the office, perhaps, but since Millwall dumped Arsenal 2-0 at Highbury in the third round, the cocktail of Lions and Blues in SE16 had threatened to again scar the reputation of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club. In the match-day programme, Reg Burr, the Millwall chairman, had appealed for the fixture to proceed in an "orderly manner".

An occasional skirmish apart, amid the all-seat accommodation, it had. But when, approaching the final whistle, groups of home supporters started surreptitiously drifting towards closer contact with the visiting followers, the signs were ominous. Fortunately, a combined four-legged and two-legged sense of justice prevailed.

Dennis Wise, the Chelsea midfield player, is no stranger to matters of a disciplinary nature, either. He often treads where angels dare not, yet, but for his spiky contribution, Chelsea might now be concentrating more on the FA Carling Premiership and European Cup Winners' Cup.

Wise, booked for a foul on Rae, was also deemed suitable for captaincy for the first time since being stripped of the armband in October. Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea player-manager, said: "He's learnt his lesson. I felt the time was right, but Dennis has had to earn the right."

Witter's header, from Kennedy's corner, was cleared off the line by Wise in the fortieth minute, and only the defensive resilience of Chelsea kept the scoreline blank in the first half.

Hoddle's half-time roasting provoked the desired response, with his players boldly seeking adventure as Millwall's early dominance waned. To no significant effect, though, with the moronic few gradually discovering other entertainment. New Den, maybe; same problems.

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — I Dawes, A Wisar, B Thatcher, J van Blerk — M Beard, A Rae, A Roberts, M Kennedy — A Edwards, D Mitchell.
CHELSEA (5-1-2-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg (sub: C Burley, 88min), F Sinclair, E Johnsen, S Minto — N Spackman — D Wise, G Peacock — M Stein, J Spencer.
Referee: R Dilkes.

Jackson steps forward to steal City's thunder

Bristol City 0
Everton 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

YEAR in, year out, the FA Cup produces hard-luck stories. At Ashton Gate yesterday, in the fourth round, Bristol City endured ill fortune that, at times, defied credibility. Everton might have moved on to a fifth-round tie with either Coventry City or Norwich City, but it was the City of the Bristol variety who took all the praise.

How a second-half barrage on the Everton goal failed to produce its just reward will remain one of the Cup's mysteries, certainly in Avon. That Everton should somehow survive, and then have the cheek to poach a winner in the 78th minute, was unkind in the extreme.

"A bit lucky? I can't really argue with that," Joe Royle, the Everton manager and former City player, said. "City played superbly in the second half and it was only the fact that we got so many bodies back into our area that we managed to hang on. City will feel very aggrieved and I can only feel very sorry for them."

Though starting slowly, City, second from bottom in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, made their FA Carling Premiership opponents look distinctly second-rate. "Obviously, we're disappointed, but we have to try to take something positive from this," Joe Jordan, the City manager, said. "We've got to get on with trying to avoid relegation."

An awful pitch — a clinging concoction of mud, sand and divots — had made for an often unsightly spectacle. Any semblance of individual skill was quickly nullified, as the players found it difficult to control the ball and the passing was frequently inaccurate.

Royle's decision to include Limpar, for the first time since Boxing Day, came only after Ebbrell was laid low with a stomach complaint. Royle also selected Barlow for only his second start of the season, in place of the suspended Ferguson up front, but Barlow made little initial impact alongside Rideout, the pair becoming bogged down on the uneven surface and against the strict marking of Shail and Bryant.

What progress there was in a patchy first half came mostly from City and through the lively raids of Bent along the right. Too often, though, he wasted promising positions with weak finishing.

Everton were deprived of Hinchcliffe, their most influential performer, through injury after 32 minutes, and, without his drive and direction, they lost their way. City gained in confidence and almost broke the stalemate when Tinnion fired just over after creative work from Partridge and Owers.

Four minutes before half-time, Bent released the ball to Partridge and his low, 20-yard shot skidded against the far post with Southall stranded. It was a taste of things to come. In the second half, City fashioned chance after chance with a vigorous display that bore no relation to their lowly league standing. Bent tested Southall, Partridge drove wide and Allison then scooped his shot over after Partridge's header had troubled Southall.

Everton were clinging on desperately, and, in the next wave of attacks, Partridge saw his goal-bound effort blocked. Allison nodded against a post from a Tinnion cross, with Southall helpless, and Partridge sent another well-timed strike thudding into the mass of bodies in the area.

After 78 minutes, though, Everton broke away to steal the most unlikely of victories. Bryant's poor clearance was latched on to by Jackson and his crisply-hit half-volley flew past Welch for his first goal in 20 months. City did not even have a replay to console themselves with.

BRISTOL CITY (4-4-2): K Welch — V Hansen, M Bryant (sub: R Dryden, 69min), M Shail, S Munro — J Bent, G Owers, R Edwards, B Tinnion — S Partridge (sub: D Seal, 76), W Ralph.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, D Unsworth, D Burrows — A Limpar, B Horne, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe (sub: G Stuart, 32) — P Rideout, S Barlow.
Referee: T Holbrook.

BARRY COOMBS

Nixon, the Tranmere Rovers goalkeeper, is beaten during the FA Cup fourth-round tie against Wimbledon at Prenton Park yesterday

Wimbledon's progress plotted by Barton

Tranmere Rovers 0
Wimbledon 2

BY PETER BALL

MOST teams from the FA Carling Premiership who reach the fifth round of the Cup feel optimistic about their prospects. Wimbledon are no exception, and the way they overcame a potentially tricky tie at Prenton Park yesterday suggests they may be a threat to the bigger names left in the competition.

Liverpool would have wished for an easier task than meeting the south London team, even with home advantage, providing they beat Burnley in the fourth-round replay next week. "We'll enjoy the day out at Liverpool — they won't, but we will," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said after his side had beaten Tranmere Rovers. "The pressure will be on them. We're quietly confident."

Kinnear's confidence is such that he and his players backed themselves to win the Cup at 66-1. Those odds are much shorter now. They have lost only once to Liverpool since he became manager.

Tranmere have reached the fifth round only once in their history, 27 years ago, and they rarely looked capable of breaking through the fourth-round barrier yesterday.

They began brightly, Nevin's passes and the runs of Stevens giving Wimbledon some early problems. They might even have taken an early lead, their best chance coming midway through the first half when Muir met Morrissey's free kick with a firm header, but Segers made a fine save, tipping it away from just inside the post.

Another five minutes and a goal came, but after being second best for much of the first half hour, it was Wimbledon who scored it. From then on, they were quietly in control and grew in assertiveness as the game progressed. The crucial battles were in midfield and there Wimbledon dominated.

To get back into the game, Tranmere needed a strong performance from O'Brien, their playmaker, but he had an unhappy afternoon, his usual deft touch deserting him. By contrast, the inexhaustible Barton was at the heart of all Wimbledon's better moments.

Blond hair flopping behind him, he was constantly involved, either putting the home defence under pressure with some curling centres, or dashing through the middle with well-timed runs. But it was Leonhardsen and Earle, his midfield partners, who scored the goals.

Leonhardsen claimed his fourth goal for the club, but his first since his loan transfer from Rosenborg became permanent last week, at a mere £700,000. If there was an element of fortune about the goal's conception, there was none about the Norwegian's finish. Ekoku's pass offered little threat until it hit McGreal's head and flew up into the air. Leonhardsen reacted quickly, racing forward to beat Nixon with a controlled volley. He looks a bargain.

From that moment, Wimbledon were in complete control. They may still have a reputation for being the Premiership's awkward squad, and they still work with the enthusiasm which took them from the Southern League, but yesterday they played some excellent football.

The second goal arrived seven minutes after the interval. Barton intercepted Malkin's pass, saw Earle breaking forward and sent him clear of a square defence to leave Nixon helpless.

The emergence of John Aldridge as a substitute, after a month out with a foot injury, cheered the home supporters. He contributed some nice touches, but not even the captain could reverse Tranmere's fortunes yesterday.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — A Thomas, J McGreal, S Garnett, G Stevens — J Morrissey, L O'Brien (sub: G Brannan, 82min) K Ismé, P Nevin — I Muir (sub: J Aldridge, 59), C Malkin.
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — K Cunningham, C Perry, A Thorn, G Elkins — W Barton, V Jones, R Earle, O Leonhardsen — M Harford (sub: J Goodman, 84), E Ekoku (sub: G Blissett, 84).
Referee: P Durkin.

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FA CUP

League must adopt benevolent approach

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

TEMPERATURES on Saturday were low enough for cryogenic purposes, putting almost half of the Tennents Scottish Cup third-round matches into suspended animation until at least tomorrow. Even on an idle and chilly weekend, however, there were many footballers whose blood was beginning to boil.

On Thursday, Tony Higgins, the secretary of the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association, announced that he would meet the Scottish Football League (SFL) to ask that five per cent of the proceeds from television contracts be placed in a benevolent fund for his members. The claim is prompted by the £10.5 million deal recently struck with Sky Television.

Talk of industrial action seems quaint or even comic, and there may be guffaws at the news that Scottish footballers are expressing a grievance. What need of a benevolent fund, supporters will ask, when they already lead a charmed life? How else would you describe short working hours, long stints in unsuitable nightclubs and large pay packets? If the players are ever to receive public sympathy, they will have to correct all of the misunderstandings.

In Scotland, at least, very few in the profession are well-paid. Opulence is restricted to Ibrox and Celtic Park, while three or four other clubs manage to pay a few leading players handsomely. The frequency with which footballers in recent years have chosen to give up the game in favour of a career with the police demonstrates the real economic conditions. There are defectors from even the premier division, with Andy Murdoch, of Partick Thistle, deciding this season that a uniform would suit him better than a goalkeeper's jersey. Players like him, who did make a living from the game, are, in any case, a minority. More than half of the clubs in Scotland are part-time.

That marginal employment spares nobody their full measure of risk. Gordon Wylde was a regular with Kilmarnock until, in a match with Partick Thistle in 1988, his knee was badly damaged by a reckless challenge. Wylde took legal action against the player involved and eventually received a modest five-figure settlement. A year after the injury, he did begin to play again, but was no longer so effective.

The wounds continued to affect his life. Wylde's difficulty in restoring flexibility to the knee in the mornings, for instance, made him late for work on occasion and he eventually lost his job as a welder. Eventually, Wylde was lucky. Now, he works with the children at Clyde and has the makings of a career as a coach. The sport's ruling body takes little interest in this sort of everyday case and an SFL insurance scheme for death or disability, which allows a maximum pay-out of £50,000, is inadequate.

Informed speculation says that the SFL will reject Higgins's request. Its crafty answer may be to suggest that the players should discuss the matter with their own clubs. This would fragment the union's membership, ensuring that they do not make the common cause which could, in theory, lead to a strike.

The tactics come easily, but the SFL will not justify such a stance so readily. In England, a players' benevolent fund does receive a five per cent cut of television income as well as the same share of transfer fees. North of the border, it is argued that the game cannot afford a similar arrangement.

This plea is unconvincing. After all, clubs once pleaded that they could never raise the money to meet the Taylor report requirements. Now, there are new stands erupting from the ground all over the country. In any case, Scottish football coped in the past few seasons, when there was no satellite contract at all.

Passing over a tiny part of it to Higgins can hardly be ruinous. What is more, simple morality dictates that the SFL should do so. If Scotland is so much poorer than England, then the need of its players for a benevolent fund is all the greater.

DRAW

FOURTH ROUND: Hibernian v Falkirk or Motherwell; Clydebank or Hearts v Hamilton or Rangers; Huntly v Dundee U or Clyde; Stirling or Arbroath v Dunfermline; St Johnstone or Stenhousemuir v Aberdeen; Cowdenbeath or Meadowbank or Berwick; Dundee v Rath; Kilmarnock or Greenock Morton v E Fife or Ross Co. Ties to be played Feb 18.
REARRANGED THIRD-ROUND TIES: Today: Stirling v Arbroath. Tomorrow: Clydebank v Hearts; Falkirk v Motherwell; Hamilton v Rangers; St Johnstone v Stenhousemuir. Wednesday: East Fife v Ross County; Meadowbank v Berwick.
REPLAY DATES: Tomorrow: Greenock Morton v Kilmarnock (7.30). Feb 7: Clyde v Dundee Utd (7.30).

Horton's gamble pays off

Manchester City 1
Aston Villa 0

BY KEITH PIKE

FOR around five distinctly worrying minutes at the end of this match on Saturday, as a wedge of some 1,000 Aston Villa supporters tried to reach their joyous rivals — congratulatory handshakes and bonhomie were not on the agenda — Manchester seemed about to be embroiled in the wrong sort of publicity for the second time in four days.

Mercifully, the thin blue and yellow line of police and stewards proved much more effective than the perimeter wall at Selhurst Park and the headline writers were deprived of another field day. Deprived by the result, too, of the chance to intensify the "Horton Out" campaign.

The strife of Brian is such that defeat in the fourth round of the FA Cup, even against Premiership rivals in much better form, could have made an already uncomfortable existence untenable for the Manchester City manager.

Instead, a tie that was always watchable and suitably tense without ever reaching the heights, came down to a tale of two goalkeepers.

Tony Coton, without so much as the benefit of a reserve match, was back for City for the first time since being injured at Elland Road almost four months ago. The quality of his saves from Staunton, McGrath and Yorke in the first hour dispelled any notion of ring-rustiness, and when, in added time, he parried Johnson's deflected curler and then got down sharply to divert Staunton's follow-up drive against a post, Horton's gamble had been rewarded.

There was no doubting Bosnich's fitness. There are those, though, who viewed the Villa goalkeeper's challenge on Klinsmann last Wednesday as reason enough for him not to have been playing at Maine Road, and for several matches after that.

Neither Villa nor, far less understandably, the Football Association, chose to grasp that particular nettle, but there were few neutrals shedding tears when Bosnich was beaten in the eighth minute.

The goal was cleverly conceived by Ian Brightwell, and although Bosnich was again quick off his line, he hesitated momentarily and the livewire Walsh beat him with a powerful, angled volley.

Gaudino had the best of City's few subsequent chances as Villa enjoyed perhaps 70 per cent of possession but proved short of invention. "We all needed that win, not just me," Horton said. Villa are left to concentrate on the league — not joining the Endsleigh, that is — and, despite the damage to morale by their first defeat in nine games, should be safe.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Coton — N Summerbee, M Vonk, K Curle, D Brightwell — M Gaudino, G Fitzroit, I Brightwell, P Beagrie — U Rosler, P Walsh (sub: N Quinn, 88min).
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — E Barrett, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, S Teale — D Yorke (sub: T Johnson, 78), I Taylor, A Townsend, S Staunton — D Saunders, J Fashanu.
Referee: J Worrall.

Cup-tie lacks visionary touch from most continental of Englishmen

Le Tissier fails to find usual channel

Simon Barnes sees the mercurial Southampton playmaker in subdued mood during the 1-1 draw with Luton Town

ANDRE CAMARA

Le Tissier endeavours to get to grips with Oakes, of Luton Town, in the FA Cup fourth-round tie at Kenilworth Road

"No, I am not Eric Cantona, nor was meant to be ..." Lines, of course, from *The Lovesong of M. Le Tissier*.

A vignette from Saturday at Kenilworth Road. Thomas, in the Luton Town defence, caught Le Tissier with a biff in the face and charged upfield with the ball. Le Tissier set off in pursuit, chased him for 30 yards and then did absolutely nothing.

Thomas got his pass away when Le Tissier was too far off to make contact with the ball. Cantona, whose response to what American football terms "personal fouls", is more (or perhaps less) complex, might have put stud to calf, for foul without vendetta appears to be unthinkable for Cantona.

But Le Tissier bided his time, no doubt pondering revenge through goalscoring rather than maiming. He was still biding it at the final whistle, as Southampton drew 1-1 with Luton the fourth round of the FA Cup.

There is the joke about the footballer who dies and goes to heaven, enjoys ecstatic reunions with Billy Wright and Bobby Moore, and then asks St Peter about the fellow with *the upturned collar*. "Oh, that's just God. Keeps thinking he's Eric Cantona."

Nobody will make such a joke about Le Tissier. The two most gifted players in English football can both chip with gasp-making precision, orchestrate games with bewildering clarity of vision, but in their natures they are not half a channel apart, but an ocean and more.

Cantona personalised his team uniform by turning up the collar: if Le Tissier ever thought about personalising his, he would install pockets in his shorts, so that he could lurk about with his hands in them. Unless he happens to be doing something magical with a football, you cannot pick him out with a casual glance.

Cantona carries himself with his shoulder blades touching and his chin 45 degrees above the horizontal; Le Tissier mostly has his shoulders bowed, his chin 45 degrees below. It is all a matter of the way these things take a player. Cantona's gifts fill him with hauteur, if not hubris; Le Tissier's own gifts fill him with diffidence, even embarrassment.

They share, apart from their colossal gifts for transforming football matches, the ability to disappear from them. Cantona has long had the ability to rise to the small occasion, to impose himself with impossible glory at a humdrum league fixture, to vanish without trace at a Wembley final.

The hurliness and burliness of a traditional cup-tie does not necessarily find him at his best. That was certainly the case with Le Tissier on Saturday. We waited for the moment when Le Tissier would show us the difference between commitment and genius, and that moment never came. Sometimes it does not; that is the way with Le Tissier, with Cantona, with every player that has gifts beyond the ordinary.

Le Tissier was carrying an injury; a calf strain has been bothering him for a couple of weeks. And Luton, especially in the first half, gave us a lesson in cup-tie aspiration, with football hectic, uninhibited, committed. They showed us everything that foreigners love in English football.

Mind you, there was a moment when, in one long and beautiful pass, like a ball thrown deep by a quarterback, when Le Tissier showed us what the English love in continental football, and in the un*English gifts of such as* Cantona and himself.

Nothing came of it. It was Luton's half, but the goal failed to come. Southampton re-emerged with their ears burning from a managerial tirade and scored a few minutes later. Heaney discovered an open door on the Luton right; again, he charged through it and pulled the ball back for Shipperley to touch home.

A bizarre penalty incident complicated the game. The referee gave a penalty for what seemed like inadvertent handball by Benali, and Telfer hit it *sweetly enough*. But Grobbelaar performed one of his mongoose springs to biff it away.

That seemed to be that, but Luton kept on pressing, with Marshall, wide on the right, always the danger. With ten minutes to go, he served a copy of Southampton's goal; his pull-back put away by Biggins.

"In the press room, journos come and go, getting quotes from Bally, Pleat and Co."

Le Tissier agreed with both managers in thinking it was a good game. Seeing him with everyday clothes on, I recognised him at last. He is Ford Prefect of *The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, exiled from his home on a small planet somewhere in the vicinity of Betelgeuse and who, skimping on preparatory research *for his trip to Earth*, chose the name "Ford Prefect" as being nicely inconspicuous.

"His features were striking but not conspicuously handsome. His air was wiry and gingerish and brushed back from his temples. His skin seemed to be pulled backwards from the nose. There was something very slightly odd about him, but it was difficult to say what. Perhaps it was that his eyes didn't blink often enough . . ."

The replay is on February 8; perhaps Le Tissier's calf will be better by then. It would be nice to see what he can do at Wembley; he seems destined, alas, to be one of the great not-quite men of English football. "I grow old, I grow old, I shall wear the collar of my shirt unrolled . . ."

LUTON TOWN (3-5-2): J Schmer — M Johnson, T Peake, M Thomas — D Marshall, P Telfer, G Waddock, D Preece, S Oakes — W Biggins, K Dixon (sub: M Williams, 87min).

SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-1-1): B Grobbelaar — R Hall, T Widdrington, F Benali — J Kenna, N Heaney, J Magilton, N Maddison, S Charlton (sub: D Hughes, 75) — M Le Tissier — N Shipperley.

Referee: G Ashby.

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United's new generation lifts spirits at Old Trafford

Manchester United 5
Wrexham 2

BY PETER BALL

THE brooding presence of the king in exile hung over Old Trafford on Saturday, but it did not affect the Manchester United players. While chants of "Ooh, Aah, Cantona," from all sides of the ground punctuated the action, United showed that there is life without the Frenchman.

That some United supporters should express solidarity with their hero was only to be expected. That Wrexham's large contingent should join in suggested that there is a wider groundswell of sympathy for the errant Gaul.

Afterwards, the Wrexham players revealed similar sentiments. "Everybody's very sad he wasn't playing," Andy Marriott, the Wrexham goalkeeper who made his debut for Nottingham Forest *against United three years* ago, said. "Meeting them at full strength would have been better, even if it meant they might have scored eight rather than five. He is too great a talent to be lost to the game."

But then it was an unusual FA Cup fourth-round game in every way, as Wrexham eschewed the normal approach of lower division teams and took United on at pure football. "That's the way I want my teams to play," Brian Flynn, the manager, said.

This approach brought Wrexham their early moment of glory. Durkan, the scorer of the first goal against Ipswich *Town in the third round*, repeated the feat in the ninth minute after an exchange with Owen. Only three outstanding saves by Schmeichel prevented further celebrations as Owen and Hughes cleverly worked openings.

But, inevitably, United began to cause Wrexham huge problems. The Welsh team's dreams of glory lasted just nine minutes, then Irwin scored with a blistering drive.

No Cantona, no Hughes, and, for cup-ties, no Cole either, but on Saturday it hardly mattered as Giggs and Sharpe ran defenders ragged and McClair provided openings with some first time passes that even Cantona would have admired. United might have doubled their goal total but for Marriott's resistance.

"They are a bit sharper now *than when I first played* against them; up front, they are so clinical, the finishing was wonderful," Marriott said. "When you can put your hand on your heart and say 'I couldn't have done anything about the goals' when you've still conceded five of them, that says something about their finishing."

The young players who picked up the baton for United "didn't look like youngsters at all, they looked like seasoned professionals," Marriott said.

Phillip, the younger of the Neville brothers and captain of the youth team, had an outstanding debut, setting up Giggs for the second goal after a one-two with Scholes, and playing with marked composure.

"He settled right into the side," Gary Pallister said. "He's just as good as his brother. For a lad of that age to show that maturity was fantastic." In the Cantona role, *Scholes was not far* behind. Replacing United's inspiration is a huge burden to put on young shoulders, but the stocky redhead just might be strong enough to carry it.

"The lads were saying afterwards how much stronger he is than he looks," Marriott said. "Once he is on the ball, he is so tough to get off it, and he brings other people into the game wonderfully well." Scholes was a key figure in the second goal and in the moves which produced McClair's goal from a corner and Irwin's second, from the spot after Humes brought down Ince. "He is an intelligent player, he's always aware of what's going on around him," Pallister said. "His vision is superb, his touch and awareness fantastic. He's got that little bit of extra vision, extra know-how. He's a super little prospect."

Scholes: fine prospect

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — D Irwin, G May, G Pallister, P Neville — R Keane (sub: A Kanchelskis, 69min), P Ince — R Giggs, P Scholes, B McClair (sub: D Beckham, 75). L Sharpe

WREXHAM (4-4-2): A Marriott — B Jones, B Hunter, A Humes, P Hardy — K Durkan, G Owen, B Hughes (sub: W Phillips, 81), K Connolly (sub: J Cross, 72) — G Bennett, S Watkin

Referee: M Bodenham.

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Leeds take aerial route to uncharted territory

Leeds United 3
Oldham Athletic 2

BY SIMON WILDE

AN APOLOGY. In recent weeks, *members of the media* may have given the impression that Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, did not know his job. They may have suggested that he had, within three years, reduced a championship-winning team to one that could not find *the net and that, as a result, his own* position was in jeopardy.

They may also have implied that, even when he attempted to remedy the situation by signing a proven goalscorer from overseas, he failed to anticipate the work-permit problems that this caused.

We now accept that these allegations are unfounded and that Mr Wilkinson is, in fact, a manager of the highest calibre. Not only has Anthony Yeboah, the Ghana international, inspired Leeds to score seven goals in two matches while he himself sat on the substitutes' bench, but also Mr Wilkinson must be congratulated on ridding himself, two years ago — and at a price of £1.2 million — of that *ticking bomb, Mr Eric Cantona, who* exploded in the hands of Mr Alex Ferguson last week.

On Saturday, moreover, he took Leeds into the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time since 1987, proof — as if proof were needed — that he is the man for the job. We apologise for any embarrassment caused.

That is this week's apology. However, if Wilkinson does not want another sort to appear after the fifth round, he must work on calming the nerves of his players, some of whom have never experienced a decent cup run in their lives. Leeds showed enough touches of class in defeating Oldham Athletic at Elland Road Saturday that they could have won by *a hatful, and enough anxiety attacks to* have thrown it all away.

They held most of the aces. They possessed a formidable aerial advantage, which was responsible for all the their goals. The first, by White, came via the heads of Deane and Masinga. The second, by Palmer, came from a nod-on by Masinga, and the third, an immediate response, in the 57th minute, to Oldham's first goal by Halle, saw Masinga himself drive home from point-blank range White's exquisite cross from the right. Less impressively, two minutes after that, Palmer jumped high to nudge Brennan's corner into his own net.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, N Worthington — D White, C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed — S Deane, P Masinga (sub: A Yeboah, 68min).

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): P Gerrard — C Makin (sub: R Holden, 69), R Graham, S Redmond, N Pointon — G Halle, N Henry, L Richardson, M Brennan — A Ritchie (sub: D Beckford, 74), N Banger.

Referee: S Lodge.

THE TIMES

Win two tickets to watch England play Uruguay

The magic of South American football comes to Wembley in March when the legendary Uruguay team pays a rare visit to Britain.

Times readers can win one of three pairs of tickets to the friendly match against Terry Venables' new-look England team by answering the questions below.

Former World Cup winners, Uruguay are feared and respected by opponents. They play with style and verve and are expected to give England a severe test of skill and stamina on March 29.

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Question 1: Which person in the current England set up has played for England at every level?

Question 2: What was the score when England played Uruguay at Wembley in the 1966 World Cup?

Question 3: How many times have Uruguay won the World Cup?

Kitson treble proves worthy of Cole's glowing legacy

Newcastle United 3
Swansea City 0

BY IVO TENNANT

THE imminent issue of *Black and White*, the official Newcastle United magazine, carries *on its cover a doleful* picture of Kevin Keegan and his concluding utterance on his decision to sell Andy Cole to Manchester United. "There's a bullet with my name on it if I've got it wrong," he said.

Given the reminder last week of just *how nasty football crowds still can be*, this was perhaps not the cleverest remark to make.

For the time being, however, there is evidence to suggest that the Newcastle manager has got everything right. No forward, including Cole, could have *snaffled three goals better than Kitson* did in this FA Cup fourth-round tie on Saturday.

Then there was Gillespie on the right wing. The cross, when it came in, sometimes was delivered a little too late or was a trifle speculative. But there was quite enough about Gillespie's game, notably one splendid volley and a run that took him slithering past three defenders, to suggest that he will *prove to be undervalued at £1 million.*

The run in question by Gillespie, 19, was inside the Swansea penalty area and resulted in a fine, parried save by Freestone. For all that, this was the one period of the tie when Swansea played sufficiently measured football to suggest that they could take Newcastle back to Vetch Field. Alas for them, they missed an open goal in the first minute, Hayes shooting tamely at Srnicek.

Once Newcastle had scored their first goal, Kitson glancing Beardsley's cross beyond Freestone three minutes before half-time, there was a predictability about the play.

Kitson's second goal was headed adroitly into a corner from Hottiger's cross a minute into the second half, and his hat-trick was completed when he delicately lobbed over Freestone. Kitson had scored just five goals for Newcastle hitherto this season. What was it they were saying about his added responsibilities?

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-2-4): P Srnicek — B Venison, D Peacock, S Howey, R Elliott — P Beardsley, M Hottiger — K Gillespie, P Beardsley, P Kitson, R Fox.

SWANSEA CITY (4-4-2): R Freestone — S Jenkins, K Walker, M Beeham, J Ford — S Chapple, D Penney, J Cornforth, J Hodge — M Hayes (sub: A McFarlane, 72min) S Toppey.

Referee: S Hill

Portsmouth take too long to find appropriate answer

Portsmouth 0
Leicester City 1

BY ALYSON RUDD

PLAYING football ought to be like learning to drive a car. After the practical training, there should be a question and answer session. Unless a player can give correct replies to such posers as "what constitutes a safe distance between you and a supporter of the opposing team?", he should not be allowed to turn professional.

The advantages of such a test became clear during the FA Cup fourth-round tie at Fratton Park on Saturday. If only the Portsmouth team had brushed up on questions such as: "In the event of the pitch being a mess of mud and puddles, do you (a) play your normal game, or (b) adapt your passing to suit the conditions". Portsmouth chose (a) and it cost them the tie.

After 30 minutes, Gittens was completely fooled by the predictably unpredictable path of the ball and left Thompson with a free run on goal. In *desperation, Gittens mauled him to the* ground and was duly sent off.

Undeterred, Portsmouth plugged away at their neat passing game and, a *minute before the interval*, Russell attempted to gently slide the ball out of defence. It travelled like a lump of lard and fell for Philpott, who splashed forward and crossed to Roberts at the far post who put Leicester ahead.

During the second half, Portsmouth began to get the hang of things, particularly Daniel, who had enormous fun. But, after 70 minutes, Knight, their long-serving goalkeeper, was dismissed for handling Draper's shot just outside the area. Given the conditions, this was a cruel decision.

Even so, by hurling long balls over the Leicester defence, Portsmouth had their best spell of the game, but McLoughlin, with a chance to force a replay, shot wide. Leicester, meanwhile, have to consider whether a 1-0 win in such circumstances is really good enough — but then, few really believe in Leicester's Premiership credentials.

PORTSMOUTH (5-2-2-1): A Knight — R Pethick, J Gatting, L Russell, G Butters, R Daniel — B Kristensen (sub: J Rees, 59min), L McGrath (sub: A McLoughlin, 63) — P Radosavljevic, D Powell — G Creaney (sub: A Skinner, 72).

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — R Smith, C Hill, N Mohan, M Whitlow — S Grayson, M Draper, S Thompson, L Philpott — I Roberts, M Robins.

Referee: D Gallagher.

FA CUP

BURNLEY (0) 0 **LIVERPOOL** (0) 0
20,551

Burnley: *W Russell, G Parkinson (sub: T McMinn, 79min), S Davis, M Winstanley, D Eyres, A Randall, J Hoyland, A Harper, L Robinson, J Mullin, A Saville.*
Booked: Parkinson, Davis, Robinson, Winstanley
Liverpool: D James, J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb, R Jones, S McManaman, J Redknapp, J Barnes, D Matteo, R Fowler, I Rush.
Booked: Scales, Babb
Referee: K Morton
Replay: Tuesday February 7 (7.45)

COVENTRY (0) 0 **NORWICH** (0) 0
15,101

Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, B Borrows, S Morgan (sub: R Wegerle, 51min), A Pickering, D Rennie, S Pressley, M Marsh, P Cook, Jenkinson, P Ndlovu, D Dublin.
Booked: Dublin.
Norwich City: S Tracey (sub: A Marshall, 43), R Ullathorne, M Bowen, J Polston, J Newsome, N Adams, M Milligan, R Newman (sub: A Akinbiyi, 63), D Sutch, M Sheron (sub: J Goss, 89), D Eadie
Booked: Ullathorne, Polston, Milligan.
Referee: G Willard
Replay: Wednesday February 8 (7.45).

LEEDS (2) 3 **OLDHAM** (0) 2
White 8, Palmer 45, Masinga 57 — Halle 56, Palmer (og) 59
25,010

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, N Worthington, D White, C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed, B Deane, P Masinga (sub: A Yeboah, 69min).
Booked: Worthington.
Oldham Athletic: P Gerrard, C Makin (sub: R Holden, 69), R Graham, S Redmond, N Pointon, G Halle, N Henry, L Richardson, M Brennan, A Ritchie (sub: D Beckford, 74), N Banger
Booked: Graham, Ritchie
Referee: S J Lodge

LUTON (0) 1 **SOUTHAMPTON** (0) 1
Biggins 81 — Shipperley 53
9,938

Luton Town: J Sommer, M Johnson, T Peake, M Thomas, D Marshall, P Telfer, G Waddock, D Preece, S Oakes, W Biggins, K Dixon (sub: M Williams, 87min)
Booked: Telfer.
Southampton: B Grobbelaar, R Hall, T Widdrington, F Benali, J Kenna, N Heaney, J Magilton, N Maddison, S Charlton (sub: D Hughes, 75), M Le Tissier, N Shipperley.
Referee: G Ashby.
Replay: Wednesday February 8 (7.30)

MAN CITY (1) 1 **A VILLA** (0) 0
Walsh 7 — 21,177

Manchester City: A Coton, N Summerbee, M Vonk, K Curle, D Brightwell, M Gaudino, G Flitcroft, I Brightwell, P Beagrie, U Rosler, P Walsh (sub: N Quinn, 88min).
Aston Villa: M Bosnich, E Barrett, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, S Teale, D Yorke (sub: T Johnson, 78), I Taylor, A Townsend, S Staunton, D Saunders, J Fashanu.
Referee: J B Worrall

MAN UTD (2) 5 **WREXHAM** (1) 2
Irwin 17, (pen) 73, Giggs 26, McClair 67, Humes (og) 80 — Durkan 10, Cross 89
43,222

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, D Irwin, D May, G Pallister, P Neville, R Keane (sub: A Kanchelskis, 69min), P Ince, R Giggs, P Scholes, B McClair (sub: D Beckham, 75), L Sharpe.
Wrexham: A Marriott, B Jones, B Hunter, A Humes, P Hardy, K Durkan, G Owen, B Hughes (sub: W Phillips, 81), K Connolly (sub: J Cross, 72), G Bennett, S Watkin.
Booked: Watkin.
Referee: M J Bodenham.

MILLWALL (0) 0 **CHELSEA** (0) 0
18,573

Millwall: K Keller, I Dawes, A Witter, B Thatcher, J van Blerk, M Beard, A Rae, A Roberts, M Kennedy, A Edwards, D Mitchell.
Booked: Thatcher.
Chelsea: D Kharine, S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg (sub: C Burley, 88min), F Sinclair, E Johnsen, S Minto, N Spackman, D Wise, G Peacock, M Stein, J Spencer
Booked: Clarke, Wise.
Referee: R Dilkes
Replay: Wednesday February 8 (7.45).

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 **SWANSEA** (0) 0
Kitson 41, 46, 72 — 34,372

Newcastle United: P Srnicek, B Venison, D Peacock, S Howey, R Elliott, P Bracewell, M Hottiger, K Gillespie, P Beardsley, P Kitson, R Fox.
Swansea City: R Freestone, S Jenkins, K Walker, M Basham, J Ford, S Chapple, D Penney, J Cornforth, J Hodge, M Hayes (sub: A McFarlane, 72min) S Torpey.
Booked: Torpey
Referee: B Hill

NOTTM FOR (1) 1 **C PALACE** (1) 2
Bohinen 32 — Armstrong 5, Dowie 53
16,790

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, C Tiler, S Chettle, S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, S Gemmill (sub: G Bull, 73min), B Roy, S Collymore.
Booked: Collymore, Roy.
Crystal Palace: N Martyn, D Patterson, R Shaw, C Coleman, D Gordon, G Southgate, D Pitcher, R Newman — C Armstrong (sub: A Preece, 80), I Dowie, J Salako.
Booked: Coleman, Armstrong, Preece, Shaw.
Referee: R A Hart

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 **LEICESTER** (1) 1
14,928 — Roberts 44

Portsmouth: A Knight, R Pethick, J Gittens, L Russell, G Butters, R Daniel, B Kristensen (sub: J Rees, 59min), L McGrath (sub: A McLoughlin, 63), P Radosavljevic, D Powell, G Creaney (sub: A Sliahavan, 72)
Booked: Preki, Powell.
Sent off: Knight (Portsmouth), 72; Gittens (Portsmouth), 31.
Leicester City: K Poole, R Smith, C Hill, N Mohan, M Whitlow, S Grayson, M Draper, S Thompson, L Philpott, I Roberts, M Robins.
Booked: Grayson, Mohan, Smith.
Referee: D Gallagher

QPR (1) 1 **WEST HAM** (0) 0
Impey 20 — 17,694

Queen's Park Rangers: A Roberts, D Bardsley, D Maddix, A McDonald, S Yates, T Sinclair, I Holloway, S Barker, A Impey, D Dichio, K Gallen.
Booked: Maddix, Impey, Gallen, Holloway.
West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, A Martin, S Potts, J Dicks, I Bishop (sub: J Hutchison, 69min), J Moncur, A Cottee, J Boere, M Allen, M Hughes
Referee: D Elleray

WATFORD (1) 1 **SWINDON** (0) 0
Hessenthaler 45 — 11,202

Watford: Miller, G Lavin, D Bazeley, C Foster, K Millen, C Ramage, A Hessenthaler, Payne, J Mooney (sub: Connolly, 73min), G Porter, N Gibbs.
Swindon Town: N Hammond, M Robinson, E Murray, I Culverhouse, L Nijholt (sub: P Thorne, 64min), S Taylor, K Horlock, J Beauchamp, J A Fjortoft, A Mutch (sub: W O'Sullivan, 64), M Ling
Booked: Culverhouse, Taylor, Thorne, Ling.
Referee: P S Danson

Yesterday

BRISTOL C (0) 0 **EVERTON** (0) 1
19,816 — Jackson 78

Bristol City: *K Welch, Hansen, S Munro, M Shail, M Bryant (sub: R Dryden, 88min), B Tinnion, R Edwards, J Bent, S Partridge (sub: Seal, 75), W Allison, G Owers*
Everton: N Southall, M Jackson, A Hinchcliffe (sub: G Stuart, 33), D Watson, B Horne, P Rideout, D Burrows, A Limpar, J Parkinson, S Barlow, D Unsworth.
Referee: T Holbrook

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 **TOTTENHAM** (0) 4
P Gray 74 — Klinsmann 51 (pen) 86, Sheringham 57, Melville 64 (og)
21,135

Sunderland: *A Chamberlain, D Kubicki, Scott, G Bennett, A Melville, L Howey, A Smith, D Ferguson, G Armstrong (sub: Martin Gray, 83min), P Gray, C Russell.*
Booked: Kubicki.
Sent off: Bennett, 51
Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, J Edinburgh, G Popescu, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, N Barmby, D Anderton, E Sheringham, D Howells (sub: S Nethercott, 86), J Klinsmann, S Campbell.
Booked: Calderwood, Campbell.
Referee: M D Reed

TRANMERE (0) 0 **WIMBLEDON** (1) 2
11,637 — Leonhardsen 31, Earle 51

Tranmere Rovers: E Nixon, G Stevens, A Thomas, J McGreal, S Garnett, L O'Brien (sub: G Brannan, 62min), J Morrissey, I Muir (sub: J Aldridge, 59), C Malkin, K Irons, P Nevin.
Wimbledon: H Segers, W Barton, V Jones, R Earle, E Ekoku (sub: G Blissett, 64), G Elkins, C Perry, M Harford (sub: J Goodman, 84), A Thorn, O Leonhardsen, K Cunningham.
Booked: Earle, Thorn.
Referee: P Durkin.

TODAY

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v WOLVERHAMPTON W'DRS

Wolverhampton Wanderers are *likely to be without Don Goodman* and Steve Froggatt, their forwards, for the fourth-round tie at Hillsborough tonight. Graham Taylor, the Wolves manager, is not expected to rush Goodman, who has been missing for more than two weeks with a calf injury, and Froggatt, out for for six weeks with ankle ligament damage, back into action. It means another chance for Robbie Dennison, the Northern Ireland international, and Lee Mills, who once had a trial with Wednesday and comes from Sheffield.

Taylor's side, *chasing promotion* from the Endsleigh League first division, faces a Wednesday team in good form in the FA Carling Premiership and with Chris Waddle, a player dropped by the former England manager, back to his best. Waddle *has been under treatment* since injuring his hamstring at West Ham last Monday but is expected *to be fit. The prize for* the winners is a home tie against Leicester City in the fifth round.

☐ Tonight's tie will be televised live by Sky Sports from 8 o'clock and there will be *live commentary* on *The Monday Match* on Radio Five Live also, starting at the same time.

FA CUP RECORDS

THE ability to score goals in close-fought FA Cup fixtures is a fair indicator to success. Of the clubs left in the competition, *Leeds Utd are top goalscorers with nine strikes in two rounds*, followed by Manchester City and Burnley with eight, although the First Division side's total includes goals scored in rounds one and two. Crystal Palace have finally seen off their goal drought adding a further two, on Saturday, to their third round *total of five.*

Liverpool's form, a single goal in three matches played and who still have yet to win a game outright (Birmingham beaten *on penalties in the replay), is in sharp contrast to their* 10-year record of 30 FA Cup tie wins. Cup holders, Manchester Utd, however, look more the part with seven goals this campaign and a record of 27 wins over the same period.

Two overseas players head the individual goalscoring totals, Uwe Rosler *of Manchester City and Phil Masinga* of Leeds, both with four, while Paul Kitson's hat-trick for Newcastle puts him third.

LEADING FA CUP GOALSCORERS (from clubs still in competition): 4 Masinga (Leeds); Rosler (Man City). 3 Kitson (Newcastle). 2 Eyres + Heath (Burnley); Armstrong + Salako (C Palace); Wetherall (Leeds); Roberts (Leicester); Irwin (Man Utd); Hessenthaler (Watford); Klinsmann (Tottenham).

FA Cup Goals 1994/5	For	10-year Cup record	Wins
Leeds Utd	9	Liverpool	30
Manchester City	8	Manchester Utd	27
Burnley	8	Everton	22
Manchester Utd	7	Tottenham Hotspur	21
Crystal Palace	7	Sheffield Wednesday	19
Tottenham Hotspur	7	Wimbledon	19
Newcastle Utd	6	Norwich City	16
Queens Park Rangers	5	Luton Town	15
Chelsea	3	Watford	15
Coventry City	3	Burnley	14
Leicester City	3	Chelsea	13
Luton Town	3	Manchester City	13
Southampton	3	Southampton	13
Watford	3	Newcastle Utd	12
Wimbledon	3	Leeds Utd	10
Wolverhampton Wanderers	3	Queens Park Rangers	10
Sheffield Wednesday	2	Coventry City	9
Everton	2	Crystal Palace	8
Millwall	2	Millwall	7
Norwich City	1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	7
Liverpool	1	Leicester City	3

CARLING PREMIERSHIP

BLACKBURN (3) 4 **IPSWICH** (0) 1
Shearer 3, 29, (pen) 90, Sherwood 49 — Wark (pen) 76
21,325

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux, A Shearer, J Wilcox, C Sutton (sub: M Newell, 74min), R Slater, H Berg, P Warhurst (sub: M Atkins, 68min), I Pearce.
Booked: Berg, Warhurst.
Ipswich Town: C Forrest, J Wark, G Williams, L Chapman, C Thomsen (sub: G Johnson, 54min), S Sedgley, P Whelan, F Yallop, S Slater, A Tanner, A Vaughan
Booked: Wark, Yallop, Vaughan.
Referee: G Poll.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	25	11	0	1	38	12	7	4	2	18	8	58	+36
2 Man Utd	26	11	1	1	26	3	5	5	3	21	18	54	+26
3 Liverpool	25	8	4	1	24	6	5	3	4	20	14	46	+24
4 Newcastle	25	7	5	0	26	11	5	4	4	17	15	45	+17
5 Nottm For	26	7	3	3	21	13	6	3	4	18	15	45	+11
6 Tottenham	25	5	3	4	18	17	6	3	4	22	19	39	+5
7 Leeds	24	7	4	2	20	11	3	3	5	13	16	37	+6
8 Sheff Wed	26	4	6	3	15	12	5	3	5	18	20	36	+1
9 Wimbledon	25	7	1	4	18	17	3	4	6	13	23	35	-9
10 Norwich	25	7	4	2	19	12	2	3	7	5	15	34	-3
11 Arsenal	26	3	6	4	15	15	5	3	5	14	13	33	+1
12 A Villa	26	4	6	3	13	11	3	4	6	19	24	31	-3
13 Chelsea	25	4	4	5	19	14	4	3	5	13	21	31	-3
14 Man City	25	5	5	3	27	17	3	2	7	6	22	31	-6
15 Soton	25	4	4	4	16	16	2	7	4	19	24	29	-5
16 C Palace	26	3	4	6	9	13	3	5	5	10	13	27	-7
17 Everton	25	5	5	3	21	16	1	4	7	4	17	27	-8
18 QPR	24	5	2	4	20	18	2	4	7	15	26	27	-9
19 Coventry	26	4	4	5	10	16	2	5	6	13	27	27	-20
20 West Ham	25	6	2	5	14	12	1	2	9	8	20	25	-10
21 Ipswich	26	3	2	8	19	25	2	3	8	10	28	20	-24
22 Leicester	25	3	4	5	15	17	1	2	10	8	26	18	-20

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

GRIMSBY (1) 2 **NOTTS COUNTY** (0) 1
Woods 43, Mendonca 81 — White 55
5,161

SOUTHEND (1) 1 **PORT VALE** (1) 2
Thomson 39 — Foyle 14, Van der Laan 90
3,619

Postponed: Bolton Wanderers v Sheffield United, Middlesbrough v Barnsley

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Middlesbro	27	9	2	2	24	10	5	5	4	17	15	49	41
2 Wolves	27	10	2	2	29	13	4	3	6	20	21	47	49
3 Bolton	28	10	3	1	28	9	3	5	6	16	21	47	44
4 Tranmere	28	11	2	1	34	14	2	5	7	9	17	46	43
5 Reading	28	5	6	3	15	11	7	2	5	18	16	44	33
6 Sheff Utd	28	8	4	2	24	11	3	5	6	20	20	42	44
7 Grimsby	28	6	4	2	25	14	2	7	5	17	24	41	42
8 Barnsley	26	9	3	2	24	12	3	2	7	8	19	41	32
9 Derby	27	6	5	2	18	9	4	4	6	15	18	39	33
10 Oldham	28	7	5	2	23	13	3	3	8	15	23	38	38
11 Watford	27	7	6	1	19	11	2	5	6	9	17	38	28
12 Luton	27	3	3	7	17	19	7	4	3	19	15	37	36
13 Millwall	27	6	5	2	22	14	3	5	6	12	18	37	34
14 Southend	28	8	2	4	17	11	2	3	9	12	37	35	29
15 Stoke	26	6	4	3	21	11	3	4	6	7	20	35	28
16 West Brom	27	8	2	2	14	8	1	5	9	11	25	34	25
17 Charlton	27	5	4	5	23	20	3	5	5	18	25	33	41
18 Port Vale	26	6	3	4	19	14	2	4	7	13	21	31	32
19 Sunderland	27	2	8	4	13	14	4	5	4	14	13	31	27
20 Portsmouth	28	4	5	5	16	17	3	4	7	12	24	30	28
21 Swindon	26	6	5	3	21	18	1	3	8	13	24	29	34
22 Burnley	25	3	5	4	18	17	3	4	6	9	19	27	27
23 Bristol C	28	5	4	5	14	17	2	2	10	8	20	27	22
24 Notts Co	28	4	4	6	16	17	2	2	10	12	22	24	28

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 5 **PLYMOUTH** (1) 2
Watson 62, 90, Ellis 65, Mellon 68, 86 — Patterson 30, Dalton 60
3,599

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 **HUDDERSFIELD** (0) 2
4,427 — Jepson 57, Duxbury 67

BRENTFORD (0) 6 **CAMBRIDGE** (0) 0
Forster 65, Taylor 68, 83, Grainger (pen) 80, Bailey 66, 90 — 6,390

CHESTER (0) 1 **PETERBORO** (0) 1
Hackett 57 — Morrison 76
1,501

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 **OXFORD UTD** (1) 1
Stevens 3 — Byrne 12
3,768

STOCKPORT (1) 2 **L ORIENT** (0) 1
Ware 44, Armstrong 68 — West 77
4,250

Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Birmingham City, Cardiff City v Bradford City, Crewe Alexandra v Hull City, Rotherham United v Brighton and Hove Albion, York City v Wycombe Wanderers

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Brentford	27	9	1	4	30	9	7	2	4	24	15	51	54
2 Huddersfld	27	9	2	2	24	13	5	6	3	24	19	50	48
3 Birmingham	25	7	4	1	29	8	7	4	2	18	9	50	47
4 Oxford Utd	26	8	2	2	18	11	6	3	5	26	21	47	44
5 Crewe	26	9	1	3	30	18	5	3	5	22	27	46	52
6 Wycombe	24	7	4	1	18	9	6	2	4	17	18	45	35
7 Blackpool	27	9	1	4	30	20	4	2	7	16	26	42	46
8 Hull	27	8	2	4	27	15	4	4	5	16	23	42	43
9 Bristol R	23	8	5	0	32	14	3	4	3	9	7	42	41
10 Stockport	26	8	1	5	24	16	5	2	5	17	18	42	41
11 Bradford	26	5	3	5	16	17	6	3	4	19	19	39	35
12 York	25	7	2	3	22	12	4	3	6	14	13	38	36
13 Wrexham	23	7	3	2	26	14	3	4	4	16	18	37	42
14 Swansea	25	5	5	2	13	7	4	5	4	19	19	37	32
15 Rotherham	26	8	2	3	23	15	1	4	8	8	16	33	31
16 Peterboro	26	2	7	4	15	22	5	4	4	17	22	32	32
17 Cambridge	26	6	5	3	26	20	1	4	9	12	31	30	38
18 Brighton	25	5	5	2	13	8	2	4	7	13	25	30	26
19 Shrewsbury	26	6	4	4	20	16	2	2	9	12	19	27	32
20 Plymouth	25	3	3	6	12	24	3	2	8	13	29	23	25
21 Cardiff	27	2	4	8	13	18	3	2	8	14	24	21	27
22 Bournemth	26	3	3	8	14	26	1	4	9	11	26	19	25
23 L Orient	26	4	4	4	11	10	0	1	13	7	31	17	18
24 Chester	26	3	3	7	13	26	0	2	11	4	22	14	17

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (1) 1 **FULHAM** (1) 1
Thomas 11 — Walling (og) 44
5,231

COLCHESTER (0) 0 **WIGAN** (0) 1
3,557 — Doolan 71

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 **SCUNTHORPE** (1) 4
Thompson 43 — Knill 2, Young 79, Thornber 87, Eyre 90
1,660

LINCOLN (0) 2 **HEREFORD** (0) 0
[illegible] 55, Carbon 55 — 2,545

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 **SCARBOROUGH** (0) 3
5,737 — Swann 56, Norris 66, D'Auria 81

TORQUAY (0) 0 **DONCASTER** (0) 1
2,252 — Hackett 71

Postponed: Bury v Walsall, Chesterfield v Barnet, Darlington v Gillingham, Exeter City v Preston North End, Mansfield Town v Rochdale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	26	9	4	0	23	6	9	3	1	25	11	61	48
2 Chesterfield	25	7	4	2	14	6	6	2	4	21	20	45	35
3 Walsall	23	8	1	2	25	11	4	6	2	17	13	43	42
4 Bury	22	7	5	1	18	8	5	1	3	14	8	42	32
5 Scunthorpe	26	7	2	4	26	15	5	3	5	19	19	41	45
6 Mansfield	26	6	2	5	26	17	6	2	5	26	22	40	52
7 Preston	26	8	0	4	21	11	4	4	6	13	16	40	34
8 Doncaster	25	6	3	2	19	9	5	4	5	14	12	40	33
9 Barnet	24	5	4	2	20	12	6	2	5	11	18	39	31
10 Torquay	26	7	5	2	24	17	3	2	7	12	18	37	36
11 Colchester	25	5	4	5	19	22	5	3	3	14	13	37	33
12 Fulham	26	4	4	4	18	14	4	7	3	13	17	35	31
13 Lincoln	24	7	4	2	21	12	2	1	8	9	16	32	30
14 Rochdale	25	5	3	4	17	16	3	3	7	15	32	30	32
15 Darlington	24	5	3	5	18	16	3	3	5	10	13	30	28
16 Wigan	24	3	3	5	17	17	4	2	7	16	22	26	33
17 Hartlepool	24	5	2	7	17	24	1	4	5	6	14	24	23
18 Exeter	23	5	3	4	16	18	1	2	8	2	19	23	18
19 Hereford	26	3	3	6	9	14	2	4	8	20	35	22	29
20 Northamptn	25	3	3	7	11	17	1	6	5	9	16	21	20
21 Gillingham	23	4	3	4	14	12	1	2	9	11	23	20	25
22 Scarboro	24	1	3	6	11	18	3	2	9	15	27	17	26

SENDINGS OFF
Second division: *Manuel (Cambridge United), 53.*

GOALSCORERS

Premier League: 26 Shearer (Blackburn). 22 *Fowler (Liverpool); Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe).* 20 Sutton (Blackburn); Wright (Arsenal). 18 *Le Tissier (Southampton);* Klinsmann (Tottenham). 15 Cole (Manchester United) (15 for Newcastle). 14 Ferdinand (QPR); Collymore (Nottm Forest); Rosler (Manchester City); *Sheringham (Tottenham).* 13 *Cantona* (Manchester United); ; Walsh (Manchester City); *Rush (Liverpool).*

First division: 23 Fjortoft (Swindon). 19 Aldridge (Tranmere). 17 Whyte (Charlton). 15 Hendrie (Middlesbrough); McGinlay (Bolton). 14 Madkin (Tranmere); Creaney (Portsmouth); Foyle (Port Vale). 13 McCarthy (Oldham); Kelly (Wolverhampton); Scott *(Stoke) (12 for Swindon)*; Gray (Sunderland). 12 Woods (Grimsby).

Second division: 28 Bennett (Wrexham). 21 Stewart (Bristol Rovers). 19 Booth (Huddersfield); Moody (Oxford United). 18 Forster (Brentford); Goater (Rotherham). 17 Taylor (Brentford). 16 Corazzin (Cambridge United); Jepson (Huddersfield). 15 Barnes (York); Stant (Cardiff); Butler (Cambridge United). 14 Ellis (Blackpool); Miller (Bristol Rovers). 13 Jewell (Bradford).

Third division: 18 Reeves (Carlisle). 17 Freedman (Barnet). 16 Wilkinson (Mansfield); Lightbourne (Walsall). 14 Carter (Bury). 12 White (Hereford); Whitehall (Rochdale). 11 Hadley (Mansfield); Whitton (Colchester); Wilson (Walsall).

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP

Third round

ABERDEEN (1) 1 **STRANRAER** (0) 0
Jess 41 — 9,183

CELTIC (0) 2 **ST MIRREN** (0) 0
Falconer 68, Van Hooydonk 72 — 26,449

COVE (0) 0 **DUNFERMLINE** (4) 4
2,300 — Petrie 9, 44, Smith 16, Hawkins 23

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 **CLYDE** (0) 0
7,413

HUNTLY (4) 7 **BURNTISLD S** (0) 0
Stewart 20, 54, 71, Whyte 27, Lawne (og) 34, Thomson 40, Debarros 52 — 2,500

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 **G MORTON** (0) 0
8,271

MONTROSE (0) 0 **HIBERNIAN** (0) 2
4,500 — McGinlay 49, Jackson 65

RAITH (1) 1 **AYR** (0) 1
Crawford 21 — 4,156

Postponed: Clydebank v Hearts; East Fife v Ross County, Falkirk v Motherwell; Hamilton v Rangers; Meadowbank v Berwick, St Johnstn v Stenhousemuir, Stirling v Airdrie.

Yesterday

DUNDEE (1) 2 **PARTICK** (0) 1
Shaw 2, Hamilton 85 — Craig 61
6,320

BELL'S LEAGUE

Third division

ARBROATH (1) 1 **FORFAR** (1) 1
Sharks 14 — Bingham 30
758

Postponed: Alloa v East Stirling

SENDINGS OFF
Tennents Cup: Farrell (Hibernian), 74.
Third division: Mann (Forfar), 85.

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (2) 3 **RUNCORN** (0) 2
Green 30, Morton 37, Shaw 81 — Hughes 52, Mcinerney 83
1,040

DAG & RED (1) 2 **STALYBRIDGE** (1) 2
McDonough 11, Richardson 78 — Edmonds 3, Burke 77
935

KETTERING (2) 4 **FARNBOROUGH** (0) 1
Arnold 20 (pen), Stemp 29 (og), Sringleton 79, Graham 88 — Jones 85
1,578

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0 **SOUTHPORT** (1) 1
1,851 — Cunningham 32

WELLING (0) 1 **BATH** (4) 5
Rancom 64 — Smart 20, Birkby 22, 87 (pen), Rancom 25 (og), Crocker 32
723

YEOVIL (1) 2 **BROMSGROVE** (0) 0
Cooper 32, Coming 62 — 2,103

Postponed: Gateshead v Macclesfield Town; Halifax v Telford United, Merthyr Tydfil v Northwich Victoria; Stevenage Borough v Stafford Rangers, Woking v Dover

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	26	10	9	2	27	11	7	2	2	22	12	56
2 Southport	27	9	2	3	23	16	5	2	6	10	17	46
3 Woking	26	6	5	2	29	18	7	2	4	20	18	46
4 Gateshead	29	8	2	4	20	10	5	3	6	20	27	45
5 Altrincham	28	7	1	7	21	22	6	4	1	27	13	44
6 Kettering	27	8	3	3	23	13	4	3	6	16	16	42
7 Kidderminster	29	5	4	5	20	15	6	4	5	38	28	41
8 Farnborough	28	6	2	4	14	15	6	3	7	16	25	41
9 Halifax	23	8	2	1	30	9	3	4	5	15	22	39
10 Bromsgrove	28	6	5	3	31	26	5	1	8	16	22	39
11 Stevenage	26	6	2	5	36	19	5	2	6	15	15	37
12 Telford	24	8	5	0	21	7	1	3	7	11	21	35
13 Bath	29	5	3	5	24	24	4	4	8	19	28	34
14 Stalybridge	29	7	1	5	19	19	2	5	8	18	31	32
15 Northwich	25	3	6	4	21	16	4	5	3	22	18	32
16 Welling	27	5	2	7	22	27	4	3	6	18	25	32
17 Runcorn	26	5	4	2	18	14	3	2	10	17	36	30
18 Dover	26	3	8	2	15	12	3	3	7	10	18	29
19 Dag & Red	28	4	4	6	16	22	3	4	7	14	26	29
20 Merthyr	24	6	3	5	24	20	1	3	6	10	21	27
21 Yeovil	27	4	3	7	18	19	2	5	6	13	24	25
22 Stafford	25	2	1	7	16	20	3	5	7	19	36	21

GOALSCORERS

Scottish Premier: 17 Coyne (Motherwell). 14 Hateley (Rangers). 12 O'Neill (Hibernian). 11 Jackson (Hibernian). 9 Dodds (Aberdeen); Robertson (Hearts); Collins (Celtic); Booth (Aberdeen). 8 Laudrup (Rangers). 7 Clark (Falkirk); Nixon (Dundee United); Shearer (Aberdeen); Arnott (Motherwell). 6 Brewster (Dundee United); McKee (Kilmarnock).

Stoichkov, of Barcelona, fights for the loose ball with Larrainzar, of Athletic Bilbao in their first division match on Saturday. Barcelona won the match 1-0. Photograph: Cesar Rangel

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	23	8	2	1	18	5	7	3	2	24	13	50	+24
2 Hibernian	23	7	5	0	29	12	1	7	3	4	9	36	+12
3 Motherwell	23	4	5	3	19	17	4	4	3	16	19	33	-1
4 Celtic	23	4	6	2	14	12	2	8	1	10	8	32	+4
5 Hearts	23	7	2	2	18	6	2	2	8	12	25	31	-1
6 Kilmarnock	23	5	3	3	13	9	1	5	6	13	22	26	-5
7 Dundee Utd	22	4	5	2	19	13	2	2	7	9	23	25	-8
8 Aberdeen	23	4	6	2	18	12	1	3	7	9	17	24	-2
9 Falkirk	23	3	3	5	14	19	2	6	4	15	18	24	-8
10 Partick	22	2	5	4	13	15	2	2	7	8	21	19	-15

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dundee	23	8	3	1	24	9	6	2	3	18	14	47	+19
2 Dunfermline	23	8	1	2	24	6	3	7	2	18	16	41	+20
3 Raith	23	6	5	1	22	14	5	3	3	16	10	41	+14
4 Airdrie	23	5	6	1	17	6	6	2	3	18	15	41	+14
5 St Johnstn	23	6	4	1	24	10	3	5	4	15	18	36	+11
6 Hamilton	23	6	2	3	17	14	2	4	6	7	17	30	-7
7 Clydebank	23	3	3	6	14	16	1	5	5	6	14	20	-10
8 St Mirren	23	3	4	4	11	12	0	6	6	8	23	19	-16
9 Ayr	23	3	5	4	16	19	0	3	8	4	23	17	-22
10 Stranraer	23	3	4	4	11	12	1	0	11	8	30	16	-23

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Stenhsmuir	21	5	6	0	14	6	5	3	2	14	11	39	+11
2 Berwick	21	8	2	0	15	6	2	2	7	18	25	34	+2
3 Dumbarton	21	7	2	2	23	10	2	3	5	8	14	32	+7
4 G Morton	21	6	3	1	18	7	3	2	6	9	14	32	+6
5 East Fife	21	6	1	4	24	16	3	3	4	7	15	31	0
6 Clyde	21	4	4	3	21	15	4	2	4	12	12	30	+6
7 Stirling	21	5	1	4	18	10	4	2	5	13	17	30	+2
8 Queen of S	21	3	2	5	14	14	3	4	4	11	16	24	-5
9 Meadowbnk	21	4	2	4	10	8	3	2	6	15	19	22	-2
10 Brechin	21	3	1	7	12	19	1	1	8	4	24	14	-27

Meadowbank deducted 3 points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	21	8	2	0	20	7	5	1	5	11	13	42	+11
2 Ross Co	21	5	1	4	20	17	6	3	2	15	7	37	+11
3 Cowdenbth	21	3	4	3	15	15	7	1	3	21	11	35	+10
4 Montrose	18	6	1	3	19	10	4	3	1	13	7	34	+18
5 East Stirling	19	5	1	4	17	13	5	2	2	18	13	33	+10
6 Alloa	20	3	3	4	11	13	6	3	1	20	11	33	+7
7 Caley This	20	3	4	2	16	17	4	2	5	14	18	27	-5
8 Queen's Pk	21	3	2	6	13	19	2	2	6	19	19	19	-12
9 Arbroath	21	0	3	8	3	17	3	1	6	17	24	13	-21
10 Albion	20	1	0	9	8	22	1	3	6	7	19	9	-28

NON-LEAGUE AND REGIONAL LEAGUES

NORTHERN PREM

PREMIER DIVISION: Accrington Stanley 1 Marine 5. Chorley 2 Guiseley 4. Hyde 2 Horwich 1. Witton 3 Whitley Bay 0. **Postponed:** Bishop Auckland v Gainsborough. Buxton v Barrow. Colwyn Bay v Boston. Emley v Droylsden. Frickley v *Morecambe. Matlock v Knowsley. Winsford* v Spennymoor

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	30	22	6	2	61	21	72
Morecambe	28	19	5	4	65	27	62
Guiseley	27	18	6	3	63	36	60
Witton	29	11	12	6	39	34	45
Boston	27	12	8	7	47	38	44
Gainsboro	28	12	8	8	52	39	44
Hyde	24	11	6	7	41	33	39
Spennymoor	26	11	6	9	39	34	39
B Auckland	26	11	5	10	43	32	38
Barrow	26	12	2	12	44	44	38
Colwyn Bay	25	11	3	11	53	52	36
Buxton	29	10	6	13	39	43	36
Emley	27	8	9	10	41	46	33
Winsford	29	8	8	13	41	50	32
Knowsley	25	7	9	9	39	39	30
Chorley	28	8	5	15	43	61	29
Ac Stanley	26	7	8	11	29	46	29
Horwich	30	6	4	18	42	57	25
Frickley	25	5	8	12	30	47	23
Droylsden	26	6	5	15	33	62	23
Whitley Bay	30	5	7	18	34	65	22
Matlock	23	6	2	15	26	46	20

First division: Blyth Spartans 4 Radcliffe 2. Congleton 1 Fleetwood 1. Curzon Ashton 2 *Gretna 2, Lancaster 2 Eastwood Town 1.* Mossley 2 Harrogate 2. **Postponed:** Alfreton v Netherfield. Atherton LR v Ashton. Bamber Bridge v Worksop. Farsley Celtic v Caernarfon. Goole v Great Harwood. Warrington v Workington

BEAZER HOMES

PREMIER DIVISION: Burton 0 Gloucester 1, Cambridge City 2 Solihull 4. Chelmsford 1 Crawley 2. Cheltenham 3 Rushden and Diamonds 0; Halesowen 3 Atherstone 0. Hednesford 2 Gresley 1. Leek 4 Dorchester 5. Sittingbourne 4 Corby 0. VS Rugby 2 Worcester 0. **Postponed:** Hastings v Trowbridge; Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfl.

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	24	17	5	2	59	26	56
Cheltenham	23	14	5	4	53	23	47
Gloucester	23	13	4	6	47	24	43
Dorchester	22	13	3	6	50	32	42
Leek Town	24	11	7	6	47	31	40
Rushden & D	23	11	6	6	51	37	39
Gresley	23	11	4	8	44	41	37
Halesowen	26	9	9	9	52	45	35
Burton	21	9	7	5	29	24	34
Worcester	24	9	7	8	26	22	34
Cambridge	23	9	5	9	29	33	32
Gravesend & N	21	8	5	8	22	22	29
Sittingbourne	24	7	6	11	27	36	27
Chelmsford	20	7	5	8	31	27	26
Solihull	22	6	8	8	25	36	26
VS Rugby	24	6	7	11	26	39	25
Crawley	25	7	4	14	34	53	25
Hastings	19	5	6	8	23	27	21
Atherstone	25	4	9	12	24	40	21
Trowbridge	21	4	8	9	24	33	20
Sudbury	22	5	5	12	26	47	20
Corby	23	2	4	17	21	65	10

Midland division: Bedworth 0 Newport AFC 0. Dudley Town 3 Sutton Coldfield 3. Evesham 1 Stourbridge 0. Forest Green 1 Buckingham Town 3. Grantham 3 Hinckley Town 4. Leicester 2 Bridgnorth 1. Moor Green 4 Armitage 1. Nuneaton 2 King's Lynn 2. Redditch 0 RC Warwick 1. Rothwell 2 Bilston 1. **Postponed:** Ilkeston v Tamworth. **Southern division:** Baldock 1 Fareham 1, Burnham 0 Havant 3, Bury Town 1 Witney 4, Salisbury 3 Clevedon 0. Weaklstone 3 Braintree 1. Weymouth 2 *Tonbridge AFC 0. Postponed: Erith and* Belvedere v Bashley. Newport IOW v Fisher 93. *Weston-super-Mare v Ashford: Yate v* Margate

DIADORA LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Bishop's Stortford 2 Yeading 0. Dulwich 2 Harrow 3: Enfield 1 *Molesey 1: Hayes 1 Kingstonian 0. St* Albans 3 Marlow 2. Walton and Hersham 2 *Grays 1. Postponed: Hitchin v Aylesbury:* Slough v Chesham; Sutton United v Hendon, Wokingham v Carshalton

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hayes	23	14	7	2	39	19	49
Bromley	24	12	7	5	47	36	43
Slough	22	12	6	4	45	30	42
Enfield	23	11	8	4	49	28	41
Carshalton	25	12	4	9	44	43	40
Harrow	25	11	4	10	41	40	37
Aylesbury	19	11	3	5	40	21	36
St Albans	22	10	6	6	60	50	36
Dulwich	25	10	6	9	44	45	36
Molesey	23	9	5	9	38	35	32
Purfleet	23	8	7	8	44	46	31
Grays	25	7	9	9	34	38	30
Yeading	22	7	6	7	41	40	29
Walton & H	21	7	7	7	41	39	28
Hendon	24	7	7	10	32	37	28
B Stortford	24	6	7	11	30	53	25
Sutton Utd	24	6	6	12	34	39	24
Kingstonian	22	6	6	10	33	39	24
Chesham	22	6	5	11	36	40	23
Hitchin	21	5	8	8	31	39	23
Marlow	23	3	7	13	26	49	16
Wokingham	22	4	3	15	22	45	15

First division: Aldershot Town 1 Maidenhead 3. *Chertsey 1 Boreham Wood 2:* Heybridge Swifts 0 Leyton 1. Staines 2 Basingstoke 1, *Wembley 1 Bognor Regis 1* Whyteleafe 1 Tooting and Mitcham 1. **Postponed:** Abingdon Town v Billericay. Dorking v Barking, Ruislip Manor v Uxbridge, Wivenhoe v Berkhamsted, Worthing v Newbury. **Second division:** Aveley 1 Egham 1. Oxford City 1 Metropolitan Police 1. Saffron Walden 3 Malden Vale 2. Ware 0 Barton 1. Witham 1 Hampton 2. Postponed: *Bracknell v Edgware: Hungerford v* Banstead: Leatherhead v Hemel Hempstead: Tilbury v *Chalfont St Peter, Windsor* and Eton v Croydon. Third division: East *Thurrock 2 Hornchurch 1.* Feltham and Hounslow 3 Hertford 1. Harlow 1 Camberley *1; Leighton 3 Canvey Island 1. Northwood 6* Lewes 0. Postponed: Clapton v Flackwell *Heath. Collier Row v Southall. Epsom and Ewell v Bedford Town, Kingsbury v Horsham: Tring v Cove*

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 1 Crystal Palace 2.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Glossop North End 2 Blackpool Rovers 2; Newcastle Town 2 St Helens 3. Postponed: Bootle v Kidsgrove. Bradford Park Avenue v Bacup, Eastwood Hanley v Darwen, Nantwich v Holker Old Boys. Penrith v Salford; Rossendale v Burscough. Skelmersdale v Clitheroe.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 4 Guisborough 1. **Postponed:** Billingham Synthonia v Dunston FB. Durham v Hebburn. Eppleton CW v Seaham Red Star; Murton v Chester Le Street. Northallerton v Peterlee; Prudhoe v Tow Law. West Auckland v Ferryhill. Whitby v RTM Newcastle.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: **Postponed:** Frome v Taunton, Bristol Manor Farm v Barnstaple; Bridport v Odd Down. Calne v Mangotsfield, Chippenham v Torrington, Crediton v Westbury; Paulton v Elmore

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES *LEAGUE: Premier division:* Cornard 6 Chatteris 1; Diss 7 Soham 0; Hadleigh 1 Fakenham 2, Harwich and Parkeston 3 Sudbury 2. Stowmarket 2 Histon 0. *Postponed: Great Yarmouth v Haverhill;* March v Watton; Tiptree v Lowestoft

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Totton 0 Ryde Sports 1, *Andover 5 Aerostructures 1;* Bemerton Heath Harl 2 Horndean 0; Bournemouth 0 *Fleet 1: East Cowes Vics 3 Christchurch 1* Postponed: Brockenhurst v Petersfield; *Downton v Swanage and Herston;* Eastleigh v Gosport; Thatcham v BAT.

LONDON OLD BOYS SENIOR CUP: Manorians 2 Enfield 1. Postponed: Cardinal Manning v Glyn.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: Football League: Premier division: Hucknall 2 Ashfield 2. North Ferriby 0 Denaby 0. Postponed: Armthorpe Welfare v Ossett Albion. Belper Town v Arnold; Glasshoughton Wel v Hallam; Liversedge v Ossett Town; Maltby MW v Stocksbridge *PS. Pontefract Col v Pickering: Sheffield v* Lincoln. Thackley v Brigg.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Danes 6 Wilsonians 2. Postponed: Aloysians v Tenisonians; Clapham v Chertsey.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Watford 0 Ipswich 2. Postponed: *Charlton v Southend; Chelsea v Gillingham;* Millwall v Fulham. QPR v Leyton Orient: *West Ham v Norwich. Second division:* Luton 1 Reading 1. Postponed: Bournemouth v *Wimbledon: Brighton v Southampton;* Crystal Palace v Bristol; Swindon v Bristol, Tottenham v Colchester, Wycombe v Oxford

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Barclays Bank 7 Alleyn OB 1; Southgate Olympic 0 Bank of England 0. Postponed: Old Actonians v West Wickham; Midland Bank v Norsemen; Alexandra Park v Broomfield; Old Bromleians v Lensbury; Old Westminster Cits v Old Stationers; Old Parkonians v Kew Association; Merton v Old Lyonians. Reigate Priory v Brentham, Ibis v Old Salesians.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Rhyl 2 Connah's Quay 3. Postponed: Barry v Alan Lido. Caersws v Cwmbran; Holywell v Newtown. Llansantffraid v Flint Town. Maesteg Park v Aberystwyth: Mold v Bangor City. Ton Pentre v Llanelli

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	21	17	2	2	59	15	53
Cwmbran	23	13	2	8	39	32	41
Newtown	21	11	6	4	50	27	39
Ton Pentre	19	12	3	4	44	24	39
Inter Cardiff	21	10	7	4	38	22	37
Llansantffraid	22	11	3	8	42	34	36
Alan Lido	19	10	5	4	29	24	35
Flint Town	21	10	2	9	43	37	32
Rhyl	23	9	4	10	45	42	31
Holywell	20	8	6	6	37	33	30
Connah's Quay	22	8	6	8	34	34	30
Barry Town	21	7	8	6	38	35	29
Caersws	23	8	5	10	38	33	29
Conwy	22	8	5	9	33	37	29
Ebbw Vale	21	8	3	10	30	31	27
Mold	23	8	2	13	38	52	26
Porthmadog	21	7	4	10	36	35	25
Aberystwyth	22	1	10	11	28	48	13
Llanelli	23	3	3	17	38	81	12
Maesteg Park	22	1	4	17	14	71	7

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Portadown 4; Ballymena 0 Glenavon 1; Bangor 1 Larne 1; Cliftonville 6 Carrick 1; Coleraine 3 Newry 0, Distillery 0 Crusaders 3. Glentoran 3 Ballyclare 1; Linfield 1 Omagh 1.

EUROPEAN

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Sint-Truiden 1 Standard Liege 1, Mechelen 1 Molenbeek 0, Antwerp 2 Ostend 1, Beveren 1 Eeklo 1, *Charleroi 4 FC Liege 1.*

DUTCH LEAGUE: PSV Eindhoven 5 Roda JC Kerkrade 0, RKC Waalwijk 4 Dordrecht *1. Utrecht 0 Willem II Tilburg 0, Vitesse* Arnhem 2 Ajax Amsterdam 3, Volendam 5 NEC Nijmegen 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ajax	18	13	5	0	48	14	31
Roda JC	18	11	6	1	33	14	28
Twente E	18	10	6	2	43	26	26
Feyenoord	17	10	3	4	37	27	23
PSV Eindhoven	18	9	5	4	44	23	23
Vitesse Arnhem	18	7	7	4	28	23	21
Heerenveen	18	9	3	6	29	31	21
Willem II Tilburg	19	9	5	6	28	23	21
Volendam	19	5	8	6	23	25	18
VV Maastricht	18	6	4	8	26	34	16
NAC Breda	18	4	7	7	26	30	15
Groningen	18	5	5	8	25	31	15
Utrecht	18	5	5	8	21	30	15
NEC Nijmegen	19	5	4	10	29	38	14
Sparta	19	5	4	10	25	31	14
RKC Waalwijk	18	4	5	9	23	30	13
GA Eagles	17	1	6	11	14	45	8
Dordrecht '90	19	0	6	13	15	42	6

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 0, Metz 4 Caen 0, Sochaux 1 Martigues 1, Strasbourg 2 Rennes 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nantes	23	14	9	0	44	16	51
Lyons	23	11	8	4	36	22	41
Paris St G	22	12	5	5	32	20	41
Cannes	24	12	4	8	35	23	40
Lens	24	9	10	5	30	22	37
Auxerre	24	8	12	4	37	24	36
Strasbourg	24	10	6	8	34	29	36
Bordeaux	24	10	6	8	32	30	36
Metz	23	9	6	8	32	31	33
Martigues	24	8	8	8	27	32	32
Monaco	23	7	9	7	23	18	30
Saint-Etienne	23	8	6	9	31	27	30
Le Havre	23	6	11	6	27	25	29
Lille	24	7	6	11	17	30	27
Rennes	23	6	7	10	26	30	25
Bastia	24	6	6	12	23	35	24
Montpellier	23	4	10	9	22	35	22
Nice	24	5	6	13	22	36	21
Caen	24	6	3	15	21	38	21
Sochaux	22	5	4	13	22	41	19

GREEK LEAGUE: *Panathinaikos 1 Doxa* Drama 0, OFI Crete 0 AEK 4.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cremonese 1 AC Parma 1, Foggia 0 AS Roma 1, Inter Milan 2 Torino 1, Juventus 2 Brescia 1, Lazio 1 Bari 2, Padova 1 Sampdoria 4, Reggiana 1 Napoli 2. Abandoned: Genoa 0 AC Milan 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Juventus	18	12	3	3	32	20	39
Parma	18	10	6	2	30	15	36
Lazio	18	9	4	5	37	22	31
Roma	18	8	7	3	23	12	31
Sampdoria	18	7	7	4	30	16	28
AC Milan	17	7	7	3	20	14	28
Fiorentina	17	7	6	4	31	23	27
Bari	18	8	2	8	22	26	26
Inter	18	6	6	6	16	15	24
Foggia	18	6	6	6	20	24	24
Torino	18	6	5	7	17	20	23
Cagliari	17	5	7	5	16	18	22
Napoli	18	4	9	5	23	29	21
Cremonese	18	5	3	10	18	22	18
Genoa	17	4	5	8	19	26	17
Padova	18	5	2	11	18	40	17
Reggiana	18	3	3	12	13	24	12
Brescia	18	1	6	11	9	27	9

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 1 Athletic Bilbao 0, Celta 0 Logrones 1, Deportivo Coruna 2 Albacete 1, Real Valladolid 2 Sporting Gijon 0, Real Oviedo 3 Racing Santander 1, Real Sociedad 2 Espanol 0, Valencia 3 Real Zaragoza 0, Atletico Madrid 2 Sevilla 2.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	3	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: *Telephone claims required for 23 and 23½ points. Forecast is for a possible jackpot. There were seven jackpot draws, three high score draws and one no-score draw.*

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Reacquaintance with Liverpool gives poignant reminder of Lancashire rivals' great tradition

Burnley put on revival of former glory days

Burnley 0
Liverpool 0

BY DAVID MILLER

THE pages of history were turned back at Turf Moor, to the time 30 years ago when Burnley could give Liverpool, and others, a lesson or two. They did so now in as fine a cup-tie as you could wish to see, after which Burnley still live to battle for a place in the FA Cup fifth round.

Nowadays, there may be no Adamson, McIlroy and Pilkington, no Angus, McNeil, Lochhead or Harris, but there survives the tradition and the will to play with style. Back in the early Sixties, only Tottenham Hotspur could upstage Burnley for elegance, and the memory of those days still lingers round local hearthsides.

The style, and the feeling of local identity that is the emotional fuel of public support, that used to bring people swarming out of the neat rows of 19th century streets,

from over the hills and along the Ribble Valley did so again now, producing the fifth-largest attendance of the round — 20,551 — and Turf Moor's largest of the season by almost 3,000.

They were rewarded by seeing a Burnley side that lies uncomfortably close to relegation from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division give Liverpool a fright and a fight. I bear Liverpool no ill-will, but, as the match gathered towards a rousing but inconclusive climax, I longed for the rub of the green to turn Burnley's way. They had done more than enough to deserve it.

In the last few anxious minutes, Mullin, taking a pass from Saville, had hooked a low shot across the face of James, and, from a corner forced by the rugged substitute McMinn, Davis, the Burnley central defender and captain, had headed sharply into James's arms.

Yet, back at the other end, Russell, deputising in goal for the suspended Beresford, had flung himself high to his right to cut out the cross that might have brought Liverpool victory in the last move of the match.

By this time, the bride in off-the-shoulder pink organza, who must have been persuaded by her groom that loyalty to the claret cause took priority over departure on their honeymoon, had won her case for a flight to warmer surroundings. She missed some fun.

More was the pity that, on such an afternoon of honour and drama, Jimmy Mullen, the Burnley manager, should behave afterwards like a bad-tempered station manager whose points have jammed and gratuitously insult a malleable press, co-operatively waiting in freezing conditions to sing his praises. At moments such as this, a great game helps dig its own grave, but fortunately Mullen's team had done a lot better than he did now.

Robinson, formerly with Bristol City and Burnley's most expensive signing, continually worried Babb on Liverpool's left side and sometimes Ruddock through the middle. He also occasionally switched to the left flank. It was from here, in the twelfth minute, that Robinson cut loose past Jones to send a searing drive just over the bar. Liverpool had advance warning that there was to be no easy repeat of their Coca-Cola Cup victory against the same opposition (they won 6-1 on aggregate).

It was, indeed, difficult to understand how a Burnley team that went unbeaten through October and November should recently have slumped into such an alarming decline, with five defeats in their last six league matches. They were mostly a match for Liverpool's sophistication. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, will reflect disappointedly on an insipid performance by Redknapp and Barnes in midfield.

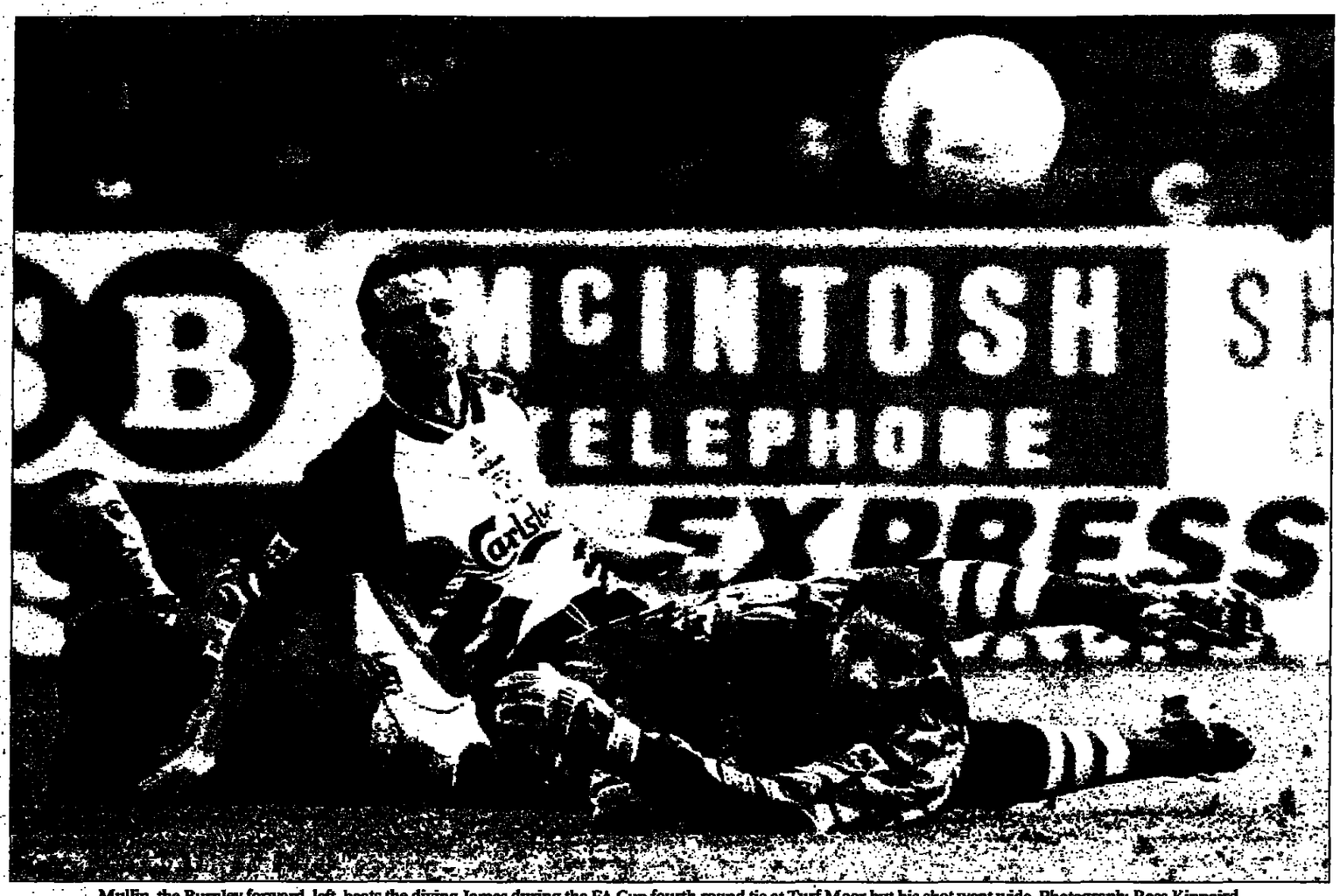
Hoyland did such a comprehensive insulation job just in front of Davis and Winstanley in the centre of defence that Rush and Fowler were at times hard pressed to keep warm, never mind to test the goalkeeper.

Liverpool's main hope stemmed, as so often this season, from McManaman. After a quarter of an hour, he twice almost had the beating of Russell and soon afterwards, taking a return pass from Fowler, had Russell desperately diving at his feet.

In the quarter of an hour before half-time, Burnley thrived. Ruddock was forced to head behind from Mullin, Robinson sent a huge volley, from a cross by Mullin, cross, just wide and, from a free kick just outside the penalty area — when Babb brought down Robinson and was booked — Parkinson fired a free kick that singed the right post.

The match see-sawed throughout the second half. Matteo, deputising for the suspended Bjornebye at left back, went close; at the other end, Saville's chip over James, caught off his line, was scrambled away for a corner. Late in the day, Rush twice threatened, but Liverpool will have been thankful for ultimate escape.

BURNLEY (4-3-3): W Russell — G Parkinson (sub: T McMinn, 79min), S Davis, M Winstanley, D Eyres — A Randall, J Hoyland, A Harper — L Robinson, J Mullin, A Saville.
LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, S McManaman, J Redknapp, J Barnes, D Matteo — R Fowler, I Rush.
Referee: K Morton.



Mullin, the Burnley forward, left, beats the diving James during the FA Cup fourth-round tie at Turf Moor but his shot went wide. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird

Sleeping giant roused by Cup adventure

Oliver Holt reports on continuing attempts to put Turf Moor back on the footballing map

Some of the supporters who arrived early at Turf Moor on Saturday buried their heads in a flimsy new fanzine called *Who Ate All the Pies*. The words are a favourite chant of Burnley followers, aimed lightheartedly at portly policemen and opposition players from the Paul Gascoigne school of dietary discipline. In this part of Lancashire, they carry a heavier significance, too.

Up in the snow-covered hills, where the moors turn into the Pennines and Yorkshire is only five miles to the east, Burnley are struggling to blot out harsh reality. Jack Walker has eaten all the pies, Blackburn Rovers, their bitter rivals, are top of the FA Carling Premiership, and, despite their lower-division successes of recent years, Burnley are fighting for the crumbs.

They are better off than they were eight years ago, of course, when they escaped relegation from the Football League on the last day of the season. After two promotions in three years, their supporters have found a new sense of pride. But their position, third from bottom of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, still mocks their history, the two championships and the FA Cup win in 1913-14.

In some ways, the visit of Liverpool, whom they beat in that final 80 years ago, made it all worse, not better. Not because Burnley were outplayed on Saturday — they were unfortunate not to win — but because their arrival brought with it a wave of patronising sympathy and a realisation of the gulf in class between teams from opposite ends of the old county and the new football order, one packed with internationals, the other with unknowns.

Burnley, you see, are not really interested in being giant-killers. That is for teams like Hereford United, Colchester United and Wrexham. Some teams will never be big no matter how high they rise or what scalps they take, some will never be minnows no matter how far they fall. Burnley come in the second category. They are giants.

'In other towns, people wear shirts from a range of clubs. Here, you see only Burnley shirts'

— Adrian Heath

They do not want slaps on the back for scoreless draws with the big boys.

The Lancashire Evening Telegraph still brought out a special 24-page supplement to mark the occasion, and the club went to great lengths to get the game played in dreadful conditions. But attempts to characterise the FA Cup fourth-round tie as David v Goliath rankled. "It's not exactly Small Town USA welcomes the President, you know," Roy Wright, a Burnley sports journalist exiled to Liverpool, said.

The search for a Cup upset was just a veneer in Burnley on Saturday. The fascination inherent in this tie was in a club searching for its identity. Liverpool know now how disconcerting it is to slip from the perch even for a short time when you have been used to such supremacy. Burnley's disorientation, their fall from grace, has lasted for two decades.

They fell with such speed that they provided English football with a unique phenomenon. "I reckon I must be the only player in history to have played for the same club while they were top of the first division and bottom of the fourth," Leighton James, their former left winger, said.

James, whose £300,000 transfer to Derby County in 1975 is still a club record, played there in three spells between 1968 and 1990. He was one of the men who dragged it back from the brink on May 9, 1987, when they had to beat Leyton Orient to have any chance of avoiding relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

"To see such desperate times at a club you had been associated with for so long after another sale and the club slid steadily towards the basement.

Now, when you approach Burnley from the south, negotiating the network of motorways circling Manchester, it is easy to share the town's confusion. On one side of the ridge along which the road travels, Accrington, that byword for football failure, falls away below. On the other, Blackburn, home of the revitalised Rovers, appears.

'I played for Burnley when the club was top of the first division and bottom of the fourth'

— Leighton James

Burnley is still hidden. "We are on the way back now," Jimmy Mullen, who has been the Burnley manager since 1991, said. He sat in the directors' room at a table for ten with a couple of pictures of the ground staring down at him from the walls. "We have had two promotions in three seasons and it won't be long until we are knocking on the door to get back into the Premier League," he said.

"This has been one of the top clubs in the country. There is a tremendous sense of history embedded in it. They have won the FA Cup, they have won championships, have had players capped for their countries. In terms of tradition, this club is as big as anything in the league and it has been out of the headlines for too long.

"Liverpool is a big game but not as important as when we beat York to clinch promotion from the fourth division or Stockport County in the play-offs last year. Those were more important in the history of Burnley Football Club. They are the biggest games we have had since I have been manager.

"But more and more is expected of us and it puts extra pressure on us. It does not happen overnight, but you can sense the expectation increasing with every game we play. The success the fans have had here over the last three seasons has only whetted their appetite."

There is pride in Burnley again. The club may still be searching for its lost inheritance, but the town of dark satanic mills deserted by King Cotton is sticking firm as the quest continues. "In other towns and cities, you see people wearing shirts from a range of football clubs," Adrian Heath, their veteran midfield player, said. "In Burnley, you see only Burnley shirts."

Guest welcome withdrawn

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

A CALL to ban guest athletes from international matches will be made by Verona Elder, the Great Britain team manager, after an incident on Saturday which, in only slightly different circumstances, might have cost her men's squad its victory over Russia in the McDonald's indoor match at Birmingham.

As the closely-fought fixture moved towards its climax, the 800 metres degenerated into a shambles because of the inclusion of a guest runner.

Martin Steele, not selected but invited as a fifth competitor in the two-a-side match, knocked Craig Winrow off the track on the last bend. Winrow failed to finish and therefore added nothing to Britain's score.

As it turned out, it did not matter because Britain won by eight points, 72-64; but had, for example, Ian Grime not won the 1,500 metres unexpectedly, or had Barrington Williams not triumphed in the long jump at the age of 39, Britain would have been in urgent need of points from Winrow.

"I feel guest runners should not be allowed and we are going to have to think very seriously about it," Elder said. "The people in there have earned their British team place and they should not have to worry about a guest."

McKean, who gave a bold front-running performance to win in 1min 50.04sec, said that guests can detract from a scoring athlete's concentration on the match opposition. "It makes it very difficult," McKean said. "You are trying not to think about racing Martin because he does not count." Britain's other winners were Colin Jackson, in

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the 60 metres and 60 metres hurdles, John Regis, in the 200 metres, and Brendan Reilly, in the high jump. Regis intends to compete in the world indoor championships in Barcelona in March.

Although the home women's team lost 78-62, there were indications that their status as the poor relations of British athletics is firmly in the past. They won six events, Ashia Hansen, Kate Staples and Jacqui Agyepong setting British records and Ann Griffiths defeating Yekaterina Podkopayeva, the world indoor champion, to win the 1,500 metres.

It was inevitable that there would be more interest in Staples than in Hansen. The pole vault is more eye-catching and Staples, as Zodiac in *Gladiators*, is a well-known television face. The stadium commentary covered Staples's every move towards her 3.75 metres clearance, while Hansen's 14.17 metres triple jump, which ranks her tenth in the world, was not announced until some time after the distance had been measured.

Hansen began in athletics as a middle-distance runner, then tried sprinting, high jump and long jump before experimenting with the triple jump. "It started out as a laugh," Hansen said. Now she is serious opposition for the best in the world.

Agyepong ran 8.05sec for the 60 metres hurdles and said she had been helped by warm-weather training abroad. Griffiths has been content with snowy Wythenshawe. "I am happy training at home," Griffiths said.

Jackson lights way for the luminaries

Patricia Davies confesses that her visit to an indoor athletics meeting was not an onerous assignment, even if locating the car proved to be

I had better get the confessions out of the way first. I live barely 14 miles from the National Indoor Arena, one of the wonders of modern Birmingham, but this was my first visit. And the last time I had been at an athletics meeting was in 1972, when I was at school and could still run.

Still, it had stopped snowing and luminaries like Colin Jackson, John Regis and even Tom McKean were surely worth driving half-an-hour to see — even if McDonald's, the sponsors of the international between Great Britain (and Northern Ireland) and Russia, had dropped their sponsorship of my local Sutton Fun Run.

Parking was no problem — the multi-storey claims to have space for 2,600 cars and it is undoubtedly true since the stadium cost £52 million. In contrast, it only cost £2.50 to park for up to eight hours and it took a matter of minutes to reach the box office, even allowing for a pause to admire the landscaping of the canal and the renovation and rejuvenation of an entire area.

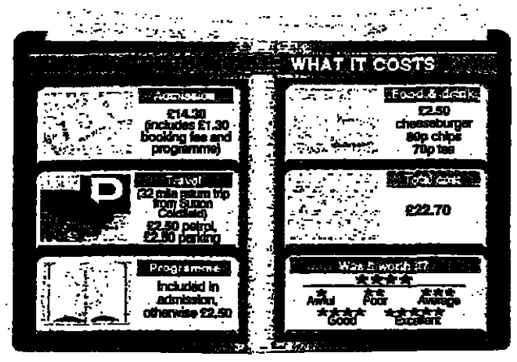
Foolishly, there was no pause to check on what level I had left the car, and that was to prove irritating later.

I had been rather fearful that everyone attending would be all lycra-clad, but the queue for the pre-booked tickets was small and not that beautifully formed. Two real athletes — their tracksuits told us that — squeezed past and then had to squeeze out again. It was also reassuring to know that even the competitors had not quite found their bearings.

My ticket, booked over the telephone, was there. It cost £14.30 and that included a booking fee of £1.30, which seemed a bit steep, but I did get a programme without having to fork out the £2.50.

There was no crush. The stadium holds 8,000 for the athletics, but was no more than half full. The atmosphere was muted rather than electric and there was a general air of amenability.

There were a fair number of children milling around. My seat was high up, in what turned out to be the Russian section, and at first glance the average age seemed to be about ten. Several of them wielded an enormous Russian flag with great enthusiasm.



Talking of flags, a lovely touch was the face-painting station in the foyer. It was a free service and by the end there was hardly a child without a Union Jack on its face. Not such a light touch was that I was told it was for only the Brits. However, representations were obviously made, for some of my neighbours started appearing with red, blue and white stripes in Russian order.

I missed the first event, the women's shot, but even the opening ceremony came afterwards. Judy Oakes is still going, but the Russians were first and second, as were their male shot-putters, whose grunts were disconcerting enough to those of us up in the gods but amused the Russian spectators so much they attempted a few imitations. Goodness knows how the other athletes kept concentrating.

In a compact area, there were jumpers jumping, putters putting, vaulters vaulting and runners running, sometimes all at once. Fortunately, there was a video screen to catch the action that you missed first time round. Hordes of blazered bods in white trousers or skirts kept tabs on lengths, heights, speeds, and the announcer did his best to keep us up with what was happening.

Oh, you know those close-ups on television of athletes looking all focused and concentrated? They are not taken with a zoom lens. The cameramen are sometimes nearly on top of the athletes. Kate Staples, the gladiator with pole vaulting pretensions, got a lot of this treatment, but seemed not to notice — a true performer.

More important, Jackson, the main attraction, won twice, the toilets were immaculately clean, and the food was edible enough.

I was not tempted to buy any of the cut-price spikes, leggings or sweatshirts, but some of the Russian team were deep in negotiation; so, presumably, it was the right stuff.

The seats are a tight fit for the broad in the beam (the shot putters stood), but I will be going again — if I can remember where I left the car.

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Weld's hurdler moves to forefront of Champion Hurdle betting

Fortune And Fame returns in style

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
AT FAIRYHOUSE

CAROLINE NORRIS

Fortune And Fame, left, takes the last flight together with Aries Girl before going on to complete a smooth success at Fairyhouse

A SENSE of déjà vu was prompted here yesterday when Fortune And Fame won the AIG (Europe) Irish Champion Hurdle for the second successive year and again thrust himself to the forefront of the betting for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in six weeks' time.

After his victory in the race 12 months ago, Dermot Weld's talented but accident-prone performer was promoted to clear favourite for the hurdlers' crown only to be withdrawn on the eve of the race after hurting a hock in a freak stable accident.

The reaction to Fortune And Fame's smooth success yesterday was mixed. Ladbrokes had no hesitation in elevating the eight-year-old to joint 4-1 favouritism with Relkeel. Other bookmakers were more cautious with Corals going 5-1, while William Hill and Sporting Index both went 6-1.

Despite not having raced since last April, the 2-1 on favourite theoretically had a simple task against four rivals, two of whom were complete no-hopers. Nevertheless, the style of his victory impressed and he looks sure to improve considerably between now and March 14.

Always travelling comfortably as Clifdon Fog set a steady pace, he jumped economically and without a hint of a mistake. Turning for home Mark Dwyer eased Fortune And Fame closer to the lead and touched down over the final flight just ahead of his main rival, Aries Girl, unbeaten in three novice races this season. After going clear he idled over the final 100 yards and won by a length and a half.

Weld will see how Fortune And Fame comes out of yesterday's race before deciding whether to go straight to Cheltenham or give him one more run. If he opts for a further race it could be the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on February 23 rather than the Red Mills Trial Hurdle at Gowran Park on February 18 when he would clash with Danoli.

"He had a good blow today and needed the run. We are very pleased with him. He may go straight to Cheltenham but I will decide when I see how much weight he has lost and how he has come out of the race. He was 13 kilos above his optimum racing weight today," Weld said.

Results from Saturday's three meetings ... Page 32

In contrast to last year when Adrian Maguire took up the running on Fortune And Fame far earlier than Weld had recommended, Dwyer's riding performance earned glowing praise from Ireland's top trainer.

However, jockey arrangements for the Champion Hurdle will not be decided until Weld has spoken to Michael Smurfit, owner of the horse and sponsor of the hurdlers' crown. Richard Dunwoody, whose 30-day suspension cost him yesterday's ride, remains in the wings.

Tom Foley, the trainer of Danoli, watched yesterday's race and commented: "Fortune And Fame did what he had to do; he could not have been asked to do any more. I would be frightened of him as much as Relkeel. Danoli could not be better and I am going to Cheltenham with the same kind of confidence as last year. I went there hopeful last year and if we get there again we have as good a chance as anything in the race."

Dwyer, now riding as a freelance, won the Champion Hurdle with Flakey Dove last year. He was clearly impressed by Fortune And Fame and commented: "He gave me a good feel between the second last and last flight when I got him racing and he quickened for 100 yards after the last. Once he had done that he just eased up a bit. He jumped particularly well."

The victory ended a day of mixed fortune for Dwyer. He received a two-day ban for using the whip with excessive frequency on Nun's Island in the Waterford Crystal Hurdle and the suspension could prevent him riding Gales Cavalier, favourite for the Arkle Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, in the James Capel Novices' Chase at Ascot on Wednesday week.

However, Dwyer quickly bounced back to win the Pierse Leopardstown Chase on Sullane River.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HAWWAM
(2.00 Southwell)
Next best: Slmaat
(4.30 Southwell)

Fields drop in winter game of discontent

I do not wish to appear unduly alarmist, but did the events, or rather the non-events, of last week signal the beginning of the end for National Hunt racing in Britain? By the year 2005 can we expect the Cheltenham Festival to be reduced to one day while Wolverhampton or Kempton holds the first four-day winter spectacular — with ten all-weather Flat races staged under floodlights each evening?

The announcement last Monday that only 24 horses in Britain and Ireland have been entered for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle — a reduction of more than 40 per cent compared to the average entry for the previous ten years — was followed 48 hours later by the smallest Grand National entry for more than a decade.

The sharp reduction in potential runners for two of National Hunt's showpiece events is stunning confirmation that the winter game is sliding towards crisis point. Those who pretend otherwise are living in cloud cuckoo land.

Small fields, particularly in the better races, have been the norm this season and it does not take an Einstein to work out why. Following a 20 per cent fall in the number of jump horses in training since 1989, decent hurdlers and chasers are now very thin on the ground — hence the decision by the British Horseracing Board (BHB) to remove 78 chases from the 1995 race programme.

Considered by itself, the trend is worrying. When weighed alongside the unquenchable demand for more all-weather Flat racing in the winter, it is potentially catastrophic.

Just ten years after a Jockey Club and Levy Board working party began to look at the possibility of staging dirt racing in Britain, it is now thriving and, unlike jump racing, has more runners than it can cope with. In 1994 the surplus led to 3,500 eliminations — double the previous year's tally.

The success of all-weather racing is hardly surprising. Owners have the opportunity to win excellent prize-money with moderate horses which are often not good enough to win during the turf Flat season. These are the very animals which would have been switched to hurdling not so long ago.

Jockeys, some of whom would struggle to make a living during the summer, have an extra source of income while Flat trainers can keep their yards ticking over during the winter months. For some, the all-weather provides a lifeline which keeps them in business. When bad weather decimates jump racing during the winter, as it did last week, large and competitive fields at Lingfield, Southwell and Wolverhampton keep the betting shop tills ticking over.

Given the rosy picture, it will be surprising if the all-weather track review group, set up by the BHB to examine the progress of dirt racing, fails to propose an increase in fixtures when it reports in the spring. The present unsatisfied demand will inevitably lead to a fourth all-weather track, probably with floodlights, which would persuade the bookmakers to keep the betting shops open during some winter nights. Kempton Park will surely be the favourite.

But what will the expansion of all-weather racing do to the overall nature of racing in this country? Will the sport benefit from staging extra meetings where the quality is, at best, moderate and, at worst, dreadful? Worse still, will it further undermine jump racing, which enjoys public and betting appeal — half of the top 20 betting races are over the jumps. All-weather racing should be the mortar which helps to bind racing's bricks together. If it is allowed to replace one of the main bricks it will threaten the sport's very foundations.

Whatever the outcome of the all-weather review group, the BHB and Levy Board must take action soon to assist National Hunt racing by encouraging those who breed National Hunt stock and would-be owners of jumpers who often to have wait two or three seasons before knowing if their purchase has any ability.

One of the most effective measures would be for the Levy Board to fine tune its allocation of prize-money and split it evenly between racing's two codes rather than maintain the present 60-40 split in the Flat's favour. That could be achieved, in part, by reducing substantially the prize-money on offer at all-weather tracks during the winter. The alternative is to do nothing and allow the all-weather to slowly squeeze jump racing to death.

RICHARD EVANS

Racing commentary

Master Oats takes giant strides towards summit

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

Williamson: fine treble

THE sight before Kim Bailey's eyes must have been distinctly unpleasant as he reviewed the wreckage surrounding Master Oats's return to action at Uttoxeter 14 months ago. With blood draining in torrents from high up in the gelding's airways, the thought furthest from Bailey's mind was that Master Oats would one day cast a dominant shadow over his contemporaries.

"I thought then that we'd be lucky to race him again, never mind see him in this position," Bailey said after his mudlark toyed with the opposition in the Pillar Property Investments Chase at Cheltenham on Saturday. "I've never seen a horse bleed so badly from the nose in my life."

Thus commenced the unusual training routine which culminated in a rout so complete that Master Oats is now as short as 2-1 favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. It would be some way for Bailey to end his Cheltenham Festival drought.

In physical terms, Master Oats is the equivalent of a second-row forward: a towering, raw-boned, individual with a sparsely furnished frame. Yet Bailey has contrived a training regime wholly bereft of hard running. Twice a day, every day, Master Oats defies conventional wisdom in taking his exercise lightly.

"He is never out of a hack canter at home, which is why he ran a little lazily halfway through the race," Bailey said yesterday. "The programme was suggested by my head lad, Eddie Hales. It is entirely stress-free to guard against him breaking blood vessels. The horse won't even do one gallop before the Gold Cup."

Ridden with dash by Norman Williamson, who completed a treble aboard Fourth In Line and Mudahim, Master Oats galloped and fenced with a conviction sadly lacking among this season's championship aspirants.

Barton Bank, whose abundant talent is restricted by his sketchy jumping, was handled with restraint by Adrian Maguire on ground deemed too testing. He did little to advance his own prospects, eventually losing second place to his stable companion, Dubacilla, who toiled home 15 lengths behind Master Oats.

Impressive though it was, Bailey advised caution. "You can pick holes in the form," he said. "Dubacilla came from a long way back, Barton Bank was ridden to get round and Young Hustler hates soft ground. There are a lot of ifs and buts."

The most pertinent concerns Young Hustler, whose attitude never ceases to impress. Should the Gold Cup be contested on good ground — and Master Oats remains largely unproven on the surface — then Young Hustler will prove infinitely more dangerous than was indicated by his fourth placing here.

Only fast terrain would eliminate Master Oats from the Cheltenham equation. The nine-year-old, with but 14 races on the clock, will surely be allocated top weight in the Grand National handicap to be published a week today. But his Aintree admirers should beware that Master Oats takes longer than most to recover from his races. The three-week gap between racing festivals may not suffice.

Over The Edge back on song at Suffolk

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

OVER THE EDGE looked his old self when, making all and jumping well, he won the confined race for Simon Sporborg at the Suffolk yesterday. The top Irish point-to-pointer in 1993, he was found to have a blood disorder after disappointing in a Times qualifier last season at Wincanton. He will continue to build his confidence in point-to-points before returning to hunter chases.

In the men's open, Churchill Star, ridden by Damien Duggan, was installed 2-1 favourite. He made most of the running until four fences out when he was joined by Royal Day (Richard Russell), who then went clear. Royal Day tired approaching the last and just held on by a length from Glen Oak.

Craftsman became the first horse to win two races this season when successful in the restricted under Gi Chown.

SUFFOLK (Ampton) Hunt: 1, Old Dundell (N King 4-1); 2, Sound Of Jura, 3, Glanmoore 9 ran. Confined: 1, Over the Edge (S Sporborg 4-7 fav), 2, As You Were, 3, Notary-Nowell. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Celtic Flame (Miss S Baskerville 5-1); 2, Emsee-H, 3, Larry The Lamb. 14 ran. Open: Royal Day (R Russell 4-1), 2, Glen Oak; 3, Ballyhyho. 14 ran. Rest: Craftsman (Miss G Chown 7-4 fav); 2, Unique Tribute, 3, Druid's Lodge. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Sands Of Gold (B Pollock 11-8 fav), 2, Alsemero. Only two finished. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Lewesdon Princess (Mrs F Hills 12-1); 2, Nearly All Right. Only two finished. 7 ran. Mdn III: 1, Velatorus (S Cowell 2-1), 2, Celtic Blaze. Only two finished. 5 ran.

☐ The West Percy and Milvain at Alnwick on Saturday was abandoned.

Little hope for Nottingham

HEAVY rain is threatening to severely curtail racing this week. Prospects are not good for Nottingham tomorrow nor Windsor on Wednesday.

The Nottingham clerk of the course, Charlie Moore, said: "The main problem is water right across the hurdle and chase course after the last obstacle. We could pump it off but there is nowhere to pump it to. Ironically, the rest of the course has actually dried out." An inspection has been called for 2.00pm today.

Rain is also the problem at Windsor where there is a noon inspection today. Wednesday's other turf fixture at Leicester is also under threat.

However, no problems are reported from Edinburgh tomorrow. Today's Plumpton fixture was called off on Saturday due to waterlogging.

JUMP LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	74	56	35	1	-47.63
D Nicholson	66	37	25	8	+37.68
Mrs M Reveley	64	39	25	13	+11.42
P Hobbs	54	45	29	27	-38.25
N Twiston-Davies	48	44	39	8	-38.94
K Bailey	44	37	17	1	+57.98
J White	37	32	26	11	-0.46
G Richards	30	19	17	13	-10.83

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	112	79	61	7	-55.81
A Maguire	97	74	57	10	-75.52
N Williamson	74	59	45	2	+16.38
J Osborne	61	43	42	4	-72.81
P Niven	59	40	30	8	-24.24
D Bridgwater	48	29	32	4	+26.22
M Dwyer	45	51	26	3	-25.71

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1.00 Fletcher's Bounty
1.30 Kirov Protege
2.00 Hawwam
2.30 Walk The Beat
3.00 Intention
3.30 Warwick Warrior
4.00 Poly Lane
4.30 **SLMAAT** (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **HAWWAM**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 INTENTION (nap). 3.30 Warwick Warrior. 4.30 Barti-Ddu.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.00 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP (Div I: £2,537: 1m) (9 runners)

101 (5) 500-034 PROFIT RELEASE 9 (F) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-10 ... T Williams 98
102 (3) 00005-1 DOME PATROL 20 (D,G) (D Wilson) W Muir 4-9-5 ... J Weaver 99
103 (1) 40000-0 AKABUSI 7 (C,G) (Bradley Partners) M Chapman 4-9-4 ... D R McCabe (5) —
104 (2) 543423- FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 191 (D,F) (P Wilson) W Cunningham 6-9-4 ... A Clark 90
105 (4) 30004-3 LARN FORT 24 (V,C,F,G,S) (A Developments) C Fairhurst 5-9-2 ... R Cochrane 95
106 (6) 00F ARROGANT BOY 14 (D Chapman) D Chapman 6-9-0 ... C Teague (7) 84
107 (2) 033250- LA BELLE SHYANNE 116 (C Hill) C Hill 4-8-9 ... S Sanders (5) 96
108 (7) 60000-0 REGAL RAMBLER 9J (B) (D Brereton) L Barratt 4-8-8 ... L Charnock 98
109 (4) 50500-0 SCOFFERA 7 (D,F,G) (Speedlith Group) N Tinkler 5-8-7 ... Kim Tinkler 94

BETTING: 5-2 Dome Patrol, 4-1 Profit Release, 5-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 6-1 Larn Fort, 8-1 Akabusi, 10-1 Arrogant Boy, Scoffera, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

PROFIT RELEASE 4¾l 4th of 7 to Kadin Hornin in rated stakes at Lingfield (1m 2f). *DOME PATROL* beat 4 Million Watts ½l in 9-runner Lingfield handicap (1m). FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 3¾l 3rd of 4 to Arty in Newcastle handicap (1m, firm). LARN FORT 2¾l 3rd of 12 to Rock On Tour in amateurs' handicap over course and distance. ARROGANT BOY 20¾l 6th of 10 to Dream Carrier in claimer here (7f). LA BELLE SHYANNE 5l 5th of 16 to Harlech in Kempton apprentices' handicap (1m 2f, good to soft) penultimate start. SCOFFERA 9¾l 7th of 20 to Quantity Surveyor in claimer at Nottingham (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: DOME PATROL

1.30 TYRONE SELLING HANDICAP (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,259: 1m) (10 runners)

201 (5) 504-233 LAWBUSTER 9 (B) (J Jannaway) W Muir 9-7 ... J Weaver 95
202 (10) 504- SPANISH GIRL 147 (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 9-7 ... Adelle Gibbons (7) 92
203 (6) 54-0 ANYTIME BABY 18 (Mrs L Cummings) K McAuliffe 9-5 ... A Clark 90
204 (9) 3305-54 FOOLS OF PRIDE 9 (P G Molony) R Hollinshead 9-2 ... L Dettori 88
205 (1) 0000-25 KIROV PROTEGE 7 (M Polglase) R Armstrong 8-11 ... M Rimmer 92
206 (2) 003-440 RUNFORACTION 14 (C,G) (Acton Racing Club) B Rothwell 8-10 ... M Fenton 99
207 (3) 0000-04 FOOLS MILLYONS 9 (V) (Mrs F Bentley) W Bentley 8-9 ... J Fanning 97
208 (4) 00000-0 BABY BOB 25 (B) (Carlton Racing) J Eustace 8-5 ... N Kennedy 92
209 (5) 0100-55 ROSE CHIME 16 (F) (J Abell) M Johnston 8-4 ... T Williams 98
210 (7) 000-4 WARWICK MIST 7 (P Haslam Racing Club) P Haslam 8-0 ... J Quinn 89

BETTING: 7-2 Kirov Protege, 4-1 Fools Of Pride, 9-2 Lawbuster, 6-1 Warwick Mist, 7-1 Spanish Girl, 8-1 Rose Chime, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

LAWBUSTER 8½l 3rd of 7 to Mr Mactavish in Wolverhampton maiden auction (1m 1f 79yd) with FOOLS MILLYONS (12lb better off) 14l 4th. *SPANISH GIRL* 6l 4th of 8 to Total Reach in course and distance maiden. ANYTIME BABY 8½l 4th of 9 to Gulf Shaadi in Lingfield maiden (7f) penultimate start. FOOLS OF PRIDE 10½l 4th of 11 to Red Spectacle in Wolverhampton apprentices' handicap (1m 1f 79yd). KIROV PROTEGE 4l 2nd of 13 to Legally Delicious in course and distance seller penultimate start with RUNFORACTION (3lb better off) 15l 9th. ROSE CHIME 10l 5th of 10 to Water Hazard in handicap at Lingfield (7f). WARWICK MIST 3¾l 4th to Pc's Cruiser in course and distance handicap with KIROV PROTEGE 1¼l 5th.
Selection: WARWICK MIST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	16	52	30.8	L Dettori	29	151	19.2
M Johnston	28	138	20.3	J Weaver	23	129	17.8
W Musson	5	28	17.9	G Duffield	29	188	15.4
D Arbuthnot	5	29	17.2	Alex Greaves	34	225	15.1
R Armstrong	7	44	15.9	D Harrison	18	120	15.0

2.00 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP (Div II: £2,537: 1m) (8 runners)

301 (2) 243-311 HAWWAM 7 (CD,F,G,S) (North West Racing Club) E Alston 9-10-0 (6ex) J Weaver 99
302 (8) 000303- TWIN CREEKS 125 (Amateur Jockeys) M Hammond 4-9-10 ... R Cochrane 90
303 (1) 40-2525 ORTHORHOMBUS 3 (B,F) (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 6-9-4 ... T Ives 88
304 (5) /00020/ BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 499 (Broughton) W Musson 6-9-0 ... P McCabe (5) —
305 (3) 43-5623 EASTLEIGH 3 (C,D,G,S) (J Bagg) R Hollinshead 6-8-12 ... L Dettori 88
306 (4) 01-2540 MATTHEW DAVID 3 (C,G) (Mrs H Bogg) S Bowring 5-8-11 ... J Quinn 90
307 (7) 00400-2 GLENVALLY 21 (B) (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 4-8-9 ... J Stack (5) 89
308 (6) 6006-40 KISSAVOS 9 (CD,F,G) (Thames Leasing) C C Elsey 6-8-5 ... B Doyle 86

BETTING: 7-4 Hawwam, 7-2 Eastleigh, 5-1 Orthorhombus, 7-1 Matthew David, Twin Creeks, 10-1 Glenvally, Kissavos, 20-1 Broughtons Turmoil.

FORM FOCUS

HAWWAM beat Mam'zelle Angot 7l in 13-runner course and distance handicap. TWIN CREEKS ¾l 3rd of 12 to Admiralella in Brighton rated stakes (1m, good). EASTLEIGH 2½l 3rd of 9 to Buddy's Friend in Wolverhampton handicap (1m 100yd) with ORTHORHOMBUS neck and head 5th. *MATTHEW DAVID* 2¾l 4th of 11 to Warwick Warrior in handicap here (5f) penultimate start. GLENVALLY short-head 2nd of 9 to King Parrot in apprentices handicap over course and distance with ORTHORHOMBUS (3lb better off) 5¾l 5th. KISSAVOS 3¾l 4th of 12 to Rock On Tour in course and distance amateurs' handicap penultimate start.
Selection: GLENVALLY

2.30 DOWN CLAIMING STAKES (£2,537: 6f) (12 runners)

401 (12) 040400- PINE RIDGE LAD 109 (CD,F,G) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) J Eyre 5-8-6 S D Williams 83
402 (8) 0000-42 BELLA PARKES 7 (D,BF,F,S) (J Batey) D Nicholls 4-8-5 ... Alex Greaves 98
403 (5) 1616/0 DARAKAH 6 (D,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 8-8-5 ... S Sanders (5) —
404 (11) 00000-0 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 7 (C,G) (Mrs J Hughes) R Hollinshead 4-8-4 ... A Garth (5) 65
405 (1) 012-242 WALK THE BEAT 5 (CD,F,G,S) (Country Lines) P Scrimgeour 5-8-4 ... S Drowne (5) 96
406 (10) 0/0000-6 MR B REASONABLE 7 (B,F) (G Robinson) S Campion 4-8-2 ... C Teague (7) 64
407 (4) 5605-22 SEA DEVIL 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (A Graham) M Camacho 9-8-2 ... L Charnock 99
408 (9) 013003- ANGELIC DANCER 65 (B,D,F) (Mrs P Bowring) S Bowring 4-7-13 Claire Balding (7) 75
409 (6) 0005-33 BRADWELL 17 (V,F) (P Peterborough) M Tompkins 4-7-13 ... S Mulvey (5) 88
410 (2) 33250-0 CHILIOLA 7 (B) (White Rose Racing) M H Easterby 4-7-13 ... J Quinn 95
411 (3) 20/0000 BESSIE'S WILL 5 (G Vines) D Haydn Jones 4-7-11 ... A Mackay 72
412 (7) 500-005 EFFICACY 3 (P Rowbotham) A Jarvis 4-7-9 ... N Varley (5) 75

BETTING: 3-1 Sea Devil, 7-2 Walk The Beat, 5-1 Bella Parkes, 6-1 Mr B Reasonable, 7-1 Pine Ridge Lad, 10-1 Angelic Dancer, Chiliola, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BELLA PARKES 1½l 2nd of 9 to Whittingham Girl in seller over course and distance. WALK THE BEAT 1½l 2nd of 9 to Amplify in claimer at Wolverhampton (7f) with BESSIE'S WILL 13l 8th. MR B REASONABLE 8½l 6th of 11 to Warwick Warrior in handicap over course and distance with CHILIOLA (20lb better off) 1¾l 7th. SEA DEVIL 2½l 2nd of 8 to Jamaica Bridge in seller over course and distance with BOLD ARISTOCRAT (2lb worse off). ANGELIC DANCER 3½l 3rd of 13 to Heathyards Lady in rated stakes at Wolverhampton (6f) with BOLD ARISTOCRAT (5lb worse off) 8l 12th. BRADWELL 2l 3rd of 15 to Alpine Johnny in seller here (7f). EFFICACY 6¾l 5th of 10 to Panther in rated stakes at Wolverhampton (6f).
Selection: SEA DEVIL

3.00 FERMANAGH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,981: 2m) (8 runners)

501 (3) 5- HOLD YOUR HAT ON 56J (B Pocock) C Thornton 6-9-4 ... G Duffield —
502 (5) 0253-43 INTENTION 11 (The Spoofers) I Campbell 5-9-4 ... R Cochrane 99
503 (1) 203000- ROMALITO 4J (C McKenna) M Blanshard 5-9-4 ... Stephen Davies 94
504 (8) 56265-6 GREENACRES STAR 17 (M Talbot) B McMahon 5-8-13 ... J Weaver 81
505 (7) 6/5630- STEPHANENTSE 45J (J Robinson) E Alston 5-8-12 ... S Webster 71
506 (5) 5/6000-5 DALLAI 28 (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-11 ... Amanda Sanders (7) 89
507 (4) 0/00-0 FLYING IMP 14 (Miss J Southall) R Hollinshead 4-8-11 ... L Dettori —
508 (2) 052500- MOST BEAUTIFUL 49J (B) (J & J Barker) H Candy 4-8-6 ... N Adams 87

BETTING: 2-1 Intention, 5-2 Romalito, 5-1 Most Beautiful, 7-1 Dallai, 10-1 Greenacres Star, Flying Imp, 12-1 Stephanentse, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

HOLD YOUR HAT ON 25l 5th of 7 to Foundry Lane in maiden at Ayr (1m 5f, firm). INTENTION 17l 3rd of 9 to Arc Bright in handicap at Lingfield (2m). ROMALITO 6l 10th of 12 to Son Grebe in handicap at Ascot (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. GREENACRES STAR 7¾l 5th of 16 to El Nido in handicap here (1m 6f) penultimate start. STEPHANENTSE 11¾l 3rd of 14 to Achover in apprentices' handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. DALLAI 14½l 5th of 9 to Shadow in maiden auction here (1m 3f). MOST BEAUTIFUL 20l 8th of 19 to Red Dancer in maiden handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good) penultimate start.
Selection: INTENTION

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell 2.30 Bradwell, Chiliola. 3.00 Most Beautiful. 4.30 Let's Get Lost.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 ARMAGH HANDICAP (£3,589: 6f) (7 runners)

601 (2) 0101-12 CROFT POOL 14 (CD,G) (Countrywide Classics) J Glover 4-10-2 ... T Ives 98
602 (3) 1142-21 LITTLE IBNR 9 (CD,G) (Swinnerton Transport) P Evans 4-9-7 ... L Dettori 97
603 (5) 1043-53 DAWALIB 14 (V,C,D,G) (J Brown) D Haydn Jones 5-9-6 ... A Mackay 97
604 (4) 030-561 WARWICK WARRIOR 7 (CD,F,G) (Wetherby) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-4 (7ex) J Weaver 99
605 (7) 24-1433 SUPER BENZ 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) F O'Mahony 9-8-11 G Carter 97
606 (6) 0050-43 SHADOW JURY 3 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 5-8-3 D R McCabe (5) 91
607 (1) 030-660 TENOR 3 (G Thompson) D Nicholls 4-8-1 ... C Rutter 90

BETTING: 5-2 Croft Pool, 3-1 Little Ibnr, 7-2 Warwick Warrior, 5-1 Dawalib, 7-1 Super Benz, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CROFT POOL 1¾l 2nd of 13 to Nordan Raider in course and distance handicap with DAWALIB (3lb better) 1½l 3rd and TENOR (4lb better) 4½l 6th. LITTLE IBNR beat Garnock Martin 2l in Wolverhampton handicap (7f). WARWICK WARRIOR beat Fairey Firefly 1¾l in course and distance handicap. SUPER BENZ 6¾l 3rd to Shuttlecock in claimer here (1m). SHADOW JURY 2¾l 3rd to Panther in Wolverhampton rated stakes (6f).
Selection: WARWICK WARRIOR

4.00 TYRONE SELLING HANDICAP (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,259: 1m) (9 runners)

1 (7) 00046-2 JILLY JAFFA CAKE 14 (J Gollan) D Arbuthnot 9-7 ... S Whitworth 87
2 (9) 006-033 POLY LANE 7 (B,F,S) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 9-6 ... J Weaver 92
3 (2) 05-4243 SAMANA CAY 10 (V,F) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) D Nicholls 9-5 ... Alex Greaves 86
4 (1) 006645- VINDALOO 84 (J Abell) M Johnston 9-1 ... T Williams 96
5 (5) 006- PINK PETAL 35 (C Hill) C Hill 6-9 ... S Sanders (5) 80
6 (9) 000-554 TYRELESS 3 (Town and Country Tyres) A Jarvis 8-9 ... N Varley (5) 98
7 (6) 40430-6 REPONIST 21 (B) (G Turnbull) M Camacho 2-8 ... L Charnock 99
8 (4) 0500-0 LADY LUCY LINNET 9 (Coronation Partnership) N Graham 8-2 ... J Quinn 82
9 (3) 0-000 MISS SUZY 14 (H Pickering) J Leigh 7-12 ... D Wright (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 Poly Lane, 7-2 Jilly Jaffa Cake, 4-1 Samana Cay, 6-1 Tyreless, Vindaloo, 8-1 Reponist, 10-1 Pink Petal, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

JILLY JAFFA CAKE head 2nd of 12 to Mazella in course and distance seller with SAMANA CAY (9lb better off) 4l 4th. POLY LANE 3l 3rd of 9 to Pc's Cruiser in course and distance handicap. SAMANA CAY 3¾l 3rd of 7 to Harry Browne in course and distance handicap. VINDALOO 4½l 5th of 16 to Mister Fire Eyes in nursery at Folkestone (7f, soft). TYRELESS 5¾l 4th of 6 to Almuhtaram in maiden auction at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd).
Selection: SAMANA CAY

4.30 ANTRIM HANDICAP (£3,124: 1m 3f) (14 runners)

1 (6) 45141-1 SLMAAT 7 (CD,G,S) (G Fandon) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 (5ex) ... R Cochrane 99
2 (7) 4030-64 LET'S GET LOST 7 (B,F,S) (P Murphy) J A Harris 6-9-10 ... Dale Gibson 97
3 (1) 000320/ WHEREAMLES 10J (B,F,G,S) (C Stevens) M H Easterby 5-9-8 ... J Quinn —
4 (13) 120000- BURES 35J (V,F) (J Winbolt) M Tompkins 4-9-7 ... S Mulvey (5) 82
5 (9) 0020-13 TEMPERING 14 (CD,F,G) (R Berenson) D Chapman 9-9-5 ... Dean McKeown 97
6 (10) 021636- SAGASAN 84 (G) (D Deer) W Muir 4-9-3 ... J Weaver 94
7 (3) 16455-1 BARTI-DDU 14 (CD,G) (Miss L Ward) S Williams 4-9-3 ... J Stack (5) 98
8 (14) 651310- RISKY TU 159 (C,G) (L Norris) P Kelleway 4-9-1 ... Adelle Gibbons (7) 90
9 (12) 5464-25 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 18 (F,G) (B Cullen) H Rowsell 8-9-1 ... B Doyle 97
10 (8) 054-042 PALACEGATE JO 7 (C,G,S) (Palacegate Corp) R Hollinshead 4-8-13 ... L Dettori 96
11 (2) 120000- JOYRIDER 42J (C,G) (The Joyriders) Miss M Milligan 4-8-12 ... M Fenton 93
12 (4) 013- POLLY PECULIAR 54 (G) (Big Eaters Partnership) B Smart 4-8-9 ... D Harrison 94
13 (11) 000200- SPRING LOADED 54 (C,F,S) (J McGowan) J O'Shea 4-8-7 ... S Lanigan (7) 98
14 (3) 0/0000-3 WHO'S THE BEST 3 (F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 5-7-10 ... N Varley (5) 89

BETTING: 3-1 Slmaat, 5-1 Palacegate Jo, 6-1 Let's Get Lost, Tempering, 8-1 Barti-Ddu, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SLMAAT beat PALACEGATE JO (2lb better off) 5¾l in 8-runner course and distance handicap with LET'S GET LOST (7lb better off) 5¼l 4th. TEMPERING beat Killick 2l in 9-runner amateurs' course and distance handicap penultimate start. BARTI-DDU beat Royal Citizen 1½l in 14-runner handicap over course and distance with TEMPERING (4lb better off) 1¼l 3rd, PALACEGATE JO (2lb better off) head 4th and LET'S GET LOST (6lb better off). CAMDEN'S RANSOM 8¾l 5th of 9 to Zuno Noelyn in Lingfield handicap (1m 2f).
Selection: SLMAAT (nap)

Catt's kicking does the damage

Courageous Orrell drained by Bath's flowing self-belief

David Hands sees the cup-holders battle back to secure their passage with a 25-19 win at Edge Hall Road

LIKE some inexorable blue-and-white tide, Bath are lapping round the Pilkington Cup once more and, for all the brave defences raised by Orrell, there was little sense of conviction at Edge Hall Road on Saturday that the cup-holders would be, could be, beaten.

It is like that in sport. Any team worth its salt gets a buzz from jousting with champions and it infects the entire organisation. Inches of snow lay on the Orrell pitch late on Friday, yet they turned to with a will, cleared the terracing, found ways of draining away water in the corners, then settled down to watch their team produce a performance commensurate with the effort.

The players did not let them down, least of all Simon Langford. At 35, Langford, whose one England B cap came six years ago, is a medical nightmare — wonky knees, sciatica, numerous other aches and pains. For many seasons, he has threatened to retire; this year, he says it is for real. If he does, he will remember this fifth round of the cup for scoring, in all ways possible, his team's 19 points yet knowing that it was not enough.

If clubs like Orrell are to beat clubs like Bath, they must have a passionate belief which translates itself into something more effective than on Saturday. They must make their own luck, too. Every 50-50 decision went against Orrell: loose ball arrived in Morris's hands just as Ed Morrison blew his whistle for a scrum, usually to Bath.

Even when they turned round 16-6 down, not a man among the Bath team expected anything but victory. Even when Langford scuffed his last penalty goal across the face of the wind with nine minutes to go, to give Orrell a 19-17 lead, Bath knew that there was time enough to recover. "They didn't panic, they played a patient game and Catt did the damage," Phil Moss, the Orrell coach, said.

In the league game in September, Catt kicked 12 points; here, he had only nine, but all from dropped goals. A week earlier, a speculative drop at goal for England at Lansdowne Road led to a try for Ireland; perhaps the Bath stand-off half felt he had a point to prove as his goals showered down on the Orrell posts like the rain which pattered down during the second half. Catt could remember dropping only two goals in his entire career before, so Saturday's three were cause for celebration.

Yet one of them stemmed from a missed Orrell touch, as did the try by Swift — extending his record for the cup to 24 in 34 games — which put Bath back into the contest just after half-time. Indeed, a harsh analysis of Orrell's game would show that they suffered in the scrums, lost the lineout, conceded a substantial penalty deficit (19 to nine) and turned over ball either in the loose or from inaccurate kicking. Capping that was their inability to hold up the game just long enough to allow Peacock to replace the hamstrung Hamer. It was in the brief period when they had only 14 men on the field that Swift scored his try on the overlap.

There was an air of vulnerability about Bath which has lingered throughout a season in which they have won games on sheer dogged, almost perverse, self-confidence. Never was it better illustrated than by Langford's try, an incursion behind a lineout outside his stand-off half which attracted two Bath defenders, de Glanville and Adebayo, who ended tackling each other with Langford stepping out to the posts.

Brian Ashton, the Bath coach and formerly an Orrell scrum half, said: "For the amount of ball we won, we would have hoped to score more points, but we actually switched our style in the second half, and I'm not sure why." From playing an integrated game between forwards and backs into the wind, Bath kicked for territory with the elements and tried to maul forward, and whatever Orrell may have lacked, it was not physical commitment.

That base to their game convinces Moss that, though they will not be involved in the quarter-final draw today, Orrell can look forward with optimism to the rest of their league season — and who better to test it against than Bath, at Edge Hall Road, in 12 days' time?

SCORERS: Orrell: Try: Langford. Conversion: Langford. Penalty goals: Langford (3). Dropped goal: Langford. Bath: Tries: Swift, Guscott. Penalty goals: Callard (2). Dropped goals: Catt (3).

ORRELL: S Langford; J Naylor, I Wynn, P Johnson, A Healey; P Hamer, D Morris; P Wigglesley, M Scott, J Russell, D Cleary, C Cooper, C Cussani, J Huxley, S Bibby. Hamer replaced by A Peacock (42 min).

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, J Guscott, A Adebayo; M Catt, M Olsen; V Ubogu, G Dawe, J Mallett, J Hall, M Haag; N Redman, A Robinson, S Ojomoh.

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

MARC ASHLAND

Rory Underwood, the Leicester wing, struggles to break free from the clutching hands of Armstrong, the muddied Bristol flanker

New Zealand calls for end to amateur game

NEW Zealand's representatives will vote for the repeal of rugby union's amateur regulations when the International Rugby Football Board meets in March (David Hands writes). "We believe the situation at the moment is quite farcical," Eddie Tonks, the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union council, said after the union had accepted its amateurism sub-committee's recommendation to terminate the basis of the amateur game. "We are already so far down the [professional] road that we have no choice but to advocate repeal." Tim Gresson, who chairs the amateurism sub-committee, said.

For the New Zealand union to be successful, it will need a 75 per cent majority at the meeting.

Meanwhile, injuries to Dean Richards and Jason Leonard confirmed the view of Jack Rowell, the England manager, that his players should be left free of club commitments prior to international weekends. Richards received a finger in the eye at Bristol on Saturday and could not train with England yesterday, and Leonard strained an arm muscle. On the credit side, Martin Johnson's hamstring injury had recovered sufficiently for him to train for the meeting with France at Twickenham this weekend.

The Ireland selectors have restored Jim Staples to the side to play Scotland at Murrayfield. It will be the Harlequins full back's first cap for three years; he replaces Conor O'Shea in a XV that shows seven changes from that beaten 20-8 by England.

IRELAND: J E Staples (Harlequins); S P Geoghegan (Bath), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), B J Mullin (Blackrock College), J C Bell (Ballymena); P A Burke (Cork Constitution), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Wasps), K G M Wood (Garryowen), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), A G Foley (Shannon), P S Johns (Dungannon), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), W D McBride (Malone), B M Cronin (Garryowen). Replacements: N K P J Woods (Blackrock College), E P Elwood (Lansdowne), N A Hogan (Tennure College), M J Galwey (Shannon), G F Halpin (London Irish), T J Kingston (Dolphin).

Bristol beat vainly against rugged rock

Bristol 8
Leicester 16

BY BRYAN STILES

WHILE others might groan at the thought of playing on a mudheap of a pitch like the one at the Memorial Ground that staged this game on Saturday, Dean Richards, the Leicester and England No 8, could not wait to get to grips with it. He was in his element.

The conditions dictated that it would be a forward-dominated game with little room for the frills and fancies of open play — perfect. Dogging it out in the mud is his idea of a good afternoon's recreation. Where the muck and bullets are flying thickest, that is where you will find the Leicester policeman with the plodding gait, happily toiling away, putting his all-embracing grip on the game.

If Bristol had been optimistic of success in this Pilkington Cup fifth round game, having won the last home encounter against Leicester — a 31-22 Courage Clubs Championship triumph in November — then they had forgotten that Richards had missed that match. The difference was immense. Richards inspired Leicester to produce some of their best tight forward play this season, and if Jez Harris, their usually-reliable goal-kicker, had been on anything like his normal kicking form, they would have won in a canter.

The Leicester forwards' driving mauls merited a much bigger points' haul. They certainly laid the groundwork for a victory by a goal and three penalty goals to a try and a penalty goal that carried the team into the quarter-finals, the draw for which will take place today.

Tony Russ, the director of rugby at Leicester, was particularly pleased with the way in which the pack stole the initiative — and the ball. "The key thing was, that when Bristol's forwards went into the mauls with the ball, we were able to take it off them and recycle it ourselves," he said.

As a result, Bristol had little worthwhile possession as Leicester handed out what must have been the severest hiding the Bristol pack has received this season. The only excuse anybody could offer was that injury had cost them the services of Alan Sharp, their Scotland prop, who is invariably a dynamic force in the tight.

Leicester took full advantage, but they, too, were without a key forward in Martin Johnson, their England lock, through injury. That did not seem to handicap them. Simon Shaw, Johnson's likely successor in the England pack, was unable to press his claims because of the way the Leicester eight dominated.

Mark Tainton, the Bristol goal-kicker, also had an unhappy afternoon, being shown a yellow card for illegal use of the boot in a ruck — a collector's item for a stand-off half and a candidate for a *Question of Sport* query.

Harris opened the scoring with a penalty goal in the fifteenth minute, but missed with four other chances and a dropped goal attempt. Liley took over and did not miss, collecting two penalty goals and the conversion of a try by Kardooni. All Bristol's points came in the second half, from a close-range try by Eves and a penalty goal by Tainton.

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: Eves. Penalty goal: Tainton. Leicester: Try: Kardooni. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Harris, Liley (2).

BRISTOL: P Hull, D John, R Knibbs, D Wring, G Sharp; M Tainton, K Bracken; P Smith, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, I Patten.

LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, S Potter, D Edwards, R Underwood, J Harris, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Poole, T Smith, N Back, D Richards. Rowntree temporarily replaced by C Tarbuck (72-74min).

Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Wasps survive red flurry

A FLURRY of red cards at Blundellsands failed to prevent Wasps from marching confidently into the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup (David Hands writes). Matt Greenwood, the Wasps lock, was dismissed for stamping and was followed by Nick Allott, his opposite number, who had earlier received a yellow warning card.

However, the London side scored eight tries in their 54-13 win, leaving the draw today neatly divided with two clubs from each of the four regions. The rank outsiders are Exeter, who reached this stage in 1993 only to run into Leicester on a good day and lose 76-0. On Saturday, they beat hard-working Aspatria, their 18-6 scoreline boosted by Dovell's try in added time.

Sale were the round's highest scorers, with nine tries and 55 points against Fylde. The main beneficiary was Chris Yates, who came into the side for the fourth round in December and has held his place since. The powerful wing, much of whose rugby has been played in New Zealand, scored three tries.

Exiles outclassed in power battle

London Irish 15
Harlequins 40

BY PETER BILLS

THE distillation of English rugby into a handful of prominent clubs, where power is all, was once more emphasised on Saturday. For London Irish, over-run on their own Sunbury ground to the extent of three goals, two tries and three penalty goals to a goal, a try and a penalty goal, read Richmond, Orrell, Fylde and Waterloo, among others, gallantly failing in their quest for Pilkington Cup giant-killer status.

Once London Irish had pumped thousands of gallons of water from their pitch and shoe-horned a 7,000 crowd inside the ground, their main task for the day had been achieved. Taking around £80,000 was London Irish's success; matching that on the field was never remotely on the agenda.

Even when Irish seized a 10-6 lead after 25 minutes, not even the most optimistic leprechaun could have hoped for them ultimately to prevail.

Harlequins underlined the point by running in five tries in 23 minutes to transform the 10-6 scoreline into 10-40. Yet this was no Bath side in its pomp; nor even Leicester at their running best. Harlequins have suffered a miserable season and are haunted by the spectre of relegation. Confidence has been in short supply at The Stoop. London Irish are a happy contrast, standing just two points short of second place in the second division. Yet the gap in class is clearly a chasm.

While it would be churlish to deny that Harlequins found some of their best form of the season, collectively and individually, one cannot imagine that Moore, Carling and Dick Best, the director of rugby, will have been excessively influenced by events here. Harlequins, for all their lingering love affair with the cup, understand that their priority remains league rugby and staying in the first division.

The inspired driving of the Harlequins back row totally outclassed the opposing Irish. Here was the critical phase of the game. Sheasby, Jenkins and Pepper drove unrelentingly — especially into the powerful wind before half-time. The superior pace and vision of the Harlequins backs did the rest. No sign here of Carling's alleged early-season indifference: the England captain fine-tuned his game for France on Saturday with a series of sharp telling bursts.

In brief spells, Irish raised the tempo, but Harlequins shrewdly protected their advantage.

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SCORERS: London Irish: Tries: Bell, Hennessy. Conversion: Cathcart. Penalty goal: Cathcart. Harlequins: Tries: Bromley (2), Greenwood, Sheasby, Staples. Conversions: Challinor (3). Penalty goals: Challinor (3).

LONDON IRISH: R Hennessy; K Streat, S Burns, P Bell, J Bishop; S Cathcart, T Ewington; N Donovan, R Kellam, G Halpin, P Neary, I Jamieson, G Hall, C Bird, P Irone.

HARLEQUINS: J Staples; D O'Leary, W Carling, W Greenwood, S Bromley; P Challinor, R Kitchen; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Pepper, W Dawson, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby. O'Leary replaced by C Wright (23min); Sheasby replaced by I Desmond (43).

Referee: J Watts (Somerset).

Evans returns without alarm

Glynneath 0
Llanelli 27

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE manner by which Llanelli overcame a plucky and quite often enterprising Glynneath in the Swalec Cup on a wet and windy afternoon must perforce take second place. With respect to both clubs, there were concerns on Saturday of more national interest.

This was the afternoon when two of Llanelli's international players were returning from serious injury. Ieuan Evans, the Wales captain and major influence, and Nigel Davies, the playmaker centre, had been out of action since October and November respectively. Davies's broken cheekbone was unlikely to be tested unless Glynneath had selected a player with the predilections of Olivier Merle; since they did not, he was likely to prove his recovery, which he duly did.

Evans was not going to find it such plain sailing. There was more concern for him. His dislocation of the ankle and a broken tibia and fibula were due for a more testing time. The pitch, despite the hard work that went into making it playable, was as thick as sludge and not the kind of surface to raise Evans's confidence.

As a result, his every step was open to scrutiny. As he cantered, was there a noticeable hobble? As he chased at full throttle, had his swiftness diminished? As he tackled and was buried under a half a dozen bodies, would he rise again without a twinge or two?

In the eleventh minute, the scribes noted, Evans had a kick and chase. In the sixteenth, he was involved in a tackle. And in the thirtieth, instead of hanging around in sweet isolation to stay out of trouble, he went looking for some action in midfield. In such a way, the details were noted. But nothing untoward happened and Evans overcame this important step in his rehabilitation.

"I had no real expectations," he said afterwards. "I only wanted to get over this first match. Of course, I was apprehensive, but then Rupert [Moon] put me through my paces and made me chase all his kicks. At the end, I felt comfortable."

As for the match, Llanelli had too much power at forward for the home side. With the conditions so heavy, the visitors were always going to keep the upper hand. Even with the wind, the home team had to defend for most of the time. Glynneath were in dire straits. They lost to Llanelli's push in the scrum. They lost to Llanelli's height in the lineout. And the penalty count, too, went against them.

Nigel Davies: playmaker recovered from injury

Craig Quinnell began and ended the scoring with the same ploy at the lineout. In the twelfth minute, Lee Williams caught the ball and Quinnell, bound to him, pushed over. The same thing happened in the eightieth minute. Stephens added a penalty goal in the first half, with Moon and Boobyer scoring tries in the second, both of which Stephens converted. It was as straightforward as that.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: Quinnell (2), Moon, Boobyer. Conversions: Stephens (2). Penalty goal: Stephens.

GLYNNEATH: N Williams; D Davies, N Rakos, J Evans, J Nedzi; J Morgan, M Owens; M Griffiths, E Lewis, D Jones, K Williams, I McAllister, D Owen, A Hopkins, M Doherty.

LLANELLI: I Jones; I Evans, N Davies, N Boobyer, G Evans; C Stephens, R Moon; H Williams-Jones, R McBryde, S John, C Quinnell, L Williams, A Copsey, A Macpherson, P Davies.

Referee: R Davies (Dumvant).

Vigilant flagman's controversial flutter

Northampton 27
Richmond 6

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE use of touch judges to help the referee detect foul play has been universally acknowledged as a welcome development in rugby union. When, however, a touch judge appears to consider himself a second referee, with authority to intervene on other matters than Law 26, he is on dangerous ground.

To flag for a clumsy late tackle was contentious, but the most disturbing occurrence at Franklin's Gardens resulted in a well-constructed try for Thorneycroft, the Northampton wing, being disallowed, for "over aggressive rucking". Referee Piercy, accepting touch judge Kirkman's advice, penalised the home team, but offered no cautions nor indications of guilt. If the offence was serious, Cassell, the Northampton captain, should have been briefed.

Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of coaching, was perplexed by that decision, although he was more concerned by his team's choice of options. Part of the blame for that can be attributed to the effective spoiling game adopted by Richmond, with Fitzgerald and Della-Savina prominent. They battled to the death, withCarr picking up useful ball in the lineout and Boyd, the Cambridge Blue, running strongly. There was little danger of Northampton losing, though. Yet, having achieved an advantage of 19-6 by half-time, they will have been disappointed not to have scored more heavily in the second half. Instead, they became bogged down in mediocrity and niggle. Lewis, a prop, collecting a yellow card for punching. A caution was also administered to Luger, the Richmond left wing.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Moir (2), Lewis, Cassell. Conversions: Grayson (2). Penalty goal: Grayson. Richmond: Penalty goals: Gregory (2).

NORTHAMPTON: N Beal; C Moir, F Packman, M Allen, H Thorneycroft; P Grayson, M Dawson; M Hynes, A Clarke, M Lewis, J Cassell, J Phillips, G Webster, A Pountney, G Seely.

RICHMOND: J Gregory; P Greenwood, D Elliott, M Hutton, D Luger; A Boyd, B Short, J Foster, A Culhert, M Yeldham, M Fitzgerald, G Sega, P Carr, P Della-Savina, D Thompson.

Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

Forest clearance courtesy of Scully

Lydney 10
Wakefield 23

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

DAVE SCULLY, the scrum half who was so influential when England won the World Cup Sevens at Murrayfield two years ago, inspired Wakefield's advance into the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup on Saturday, but it was not until a full 80 minutes had been played that the team from West Yorkshire could anything like reflect on an afternoon's job well done.

Only then, by virtue of Scully's second try, did Wakefield move more than one score clear of a Lydney side that stands three divisions below them in the Courage Clubs Championship, and the relief on their faces, while Mike Jackson was adding the conversion, spoke volumes.

Fifteen minutes earlier, Wakefield had looked washed up. Robert Mills had just put Lydney into the lead for what was the only time, 10-8 with a penalty goal, but the lowliest side left in the competition had the crowd behind them and were taking the game to Wakefield, whose discipline looked about to crumble. And why not? This was, after all, the Forest of Dean.

For blood-and-thunder, no-nonsense rugby, few places, if any, rival the Forest. The added spice of a cup-tie, against a side that had beaten Gloucester in the previous round, and enough muck and mire potentially to even out the most one-sided of contests, made Regentsholme no place for the timid. It was the ideal setting for a man like Scully.

Earlier, he had set Wakefield on their way by linking with Sowerby, the No 8, at the first scrum and drifting over untroubled in the corner. Now, having been outstanding throughout, he again exploited the narrow side and set up a lineout in the Lydney 22. With the tapped ball, however, arrived several of the mud-splattered Lydney pack, offside to a man. It was not easy for Jackson, but captains need to earn their corn, too — 10-11.

More promptings from the No 9 took play back into Lydney territory. This time, Croft gathered cleanly from a lineout not ten metres out and his pack drove him over — 10-16, but still not enough. Then the finale: a penalty inside the 22 for a scrum infringement, backchat and an advance, by the adamant Steve Womersley, of ten metres for the umpteenth time, and before you could say Berry Hill, Scully had touched down and the latest in a proud line of Forest cup runs had ended.

On the plus side for Lydney, Adrian Knox, on the blindside, was exceptional; he certainly had no right to be on a losing side. When, at Barking in a fortnight, they get back to the nitty-gritty of the fifth division south, in which they lie a point behind London Welsh but with a game in hand, that should change.

SCORERS: Lydney: Try: Stone. Conversion: Mills. Penalty goal: Mills. Wakefield: Tries: Scully (2), Croft. Conversion: Jackson. Penalty goals: Jackson (2).

LYDNEY: M Bonser, M Stubbs, A James, S Chant, S Stone; R Mills, J Daws; N Bartlett, N Holmes, G Williams, A Knox, R Williams, S Hale, S Wakeham, R Rees. Wakeham replaced by N Kirby (79min).

WAKEFIELD: M Jackson, P White, P Meyerd, A Metcalfe, R Thompson; R Penyt, D Scully, R Latham, T Garnett, A Day, N Green, S Croft, P Stewart, K Yates, M Sowerby.

Referee: S Womersley (East Midlands).

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: Indoor international meeting: Britain v Russia: Men: 60m: 1, C Jackson (GB) 6.58sec; 2, M Rosswess (GB) 6.63; 3, A Porkhomovsky (Russ) 6.71. 200m: 1, J Regis (GB) 20.65; 2, D Braithwaite (GB) 21.02; 3, K Dyomin (Russ) 21.43. 400m: 1, D Golovastov (Russ) 47.09; 2, M Vdovin (Russ) 47.24; 3, B Whittle (GB) 47.50. 800m: 1, T McKean (GB) 1min 50.04sec; 2, P Dolgushev (Russ) 1:50.58. 1500m: 1, T Grime (GB) 3:52.02; 2, A Zadorozhny (Russ) 3:52.06; 3, B Treacy (GB) 3:52.12. 3000m: 1, V Shabunin (Russ) 8min 14.49sec; 2, A Whiteman (GB) 8:14.71; 3, S White (GB) 8:23.61. 4x400m relay: 1, GB 3:09.22; 2, Russia 3:09.27. Long jump: 1, B Williams (GB) 7.54m; 2, K Sosunov (Russ) 7.49; 3, Y Sotnikov (Russ) 7.27. Triple jump: 1, G Markov (Russ) 17.00m; 2, Y Sotnikov (Russ) 16.24; 3, F Agyepong (GB) 16.15. Shot: 1, S Smirnov (Russ) 18.71m; 2, V Kapustin (Russ) 18.66; 3, M Proctor (GB) 18.02.

Women: 60m: 1, P Thomas (GB) 7.29sec; 2, N Merzlyakova (Russ) 7.35; 3, S Douglas (GB) 7.35. 200m: 1, P Thomas (GB) 23.61; 2, Y Somikova (Russ) 23.95; 3, Y Mizera (Russ) 24.36. 400m: 1, E Andreeva (Russ) 52.57sec; 2, T Alekseeva (Russ) 52.81; 3, S Earnshaw (GB) 53.82. 800m: 1, Y Afanasyeva (Russ) 2:05.14; 2, I Samarokova (Russ) 2:05.26; 3, S Bowyer (GB) 2:06.44. 3000m: 1, F Kashapova (Russ) 9min 15.45sec; 2, O Kovpotina (Russ) 9:16.43; 3, Z Hyde (GB) 9:17.97. 4x400m relay: 1, Russia 3:30.26; 2, GB 3:37.90. 60m hurdles: 1, J Agyepong (GB) (UK record) 8.06; 2, S Laukhova (Russ) 8.14; 3, N Rudakova (Russ) 8.27. High jump: 1, T Motkova (Russ) 1.98m; 2, V Fyodorova (Russ) 1.91; 3, L Haggett (GB) 1.88; 3, D Marti (GB) 1.85. Long jump: 1, L Galkina (Russ) 6.58m; 2, Y Idowu (GB) 6.46; 3, V Olenchenko (Russ) 6.42. Triple jump: 1, A Hansen (GB) 14.17m (Commonwealth record); 2, L Dubkova (Russ) 13.71; 3, M Griffith (GB) 13.57. Pole vault: 1, K Staples (GB) 3.75m (Commonwealth record); 2, P Wilson (GB) 3.50; 3, N Mekhanoshina (Russ) 3.35. Shot: 1, L Peleshenko (Russ) 19.57m; 2, I Khudorozhkina (Russ) 18.32; 3, J Oakes (GB) 17.78.

Match results: Men: GB 72, Russia 64. Women: Russia 76, GB 62.

JOHNSON CITY, Tennessee: Invitational indoor meeting (US unless stated): Men: 40yd: 1, A Whitfield (US) 4.57sec. 55m: 1, M Green (Jam) 6.14sec. 100m: 1, O Adeniken (Nigeria) 10.13 (world indoor record). 400m: 1, C Davis 46.65. 800m: 1, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1min 50.17sec. 3,000m: 1, P Vandergrift 8:02. Mile: 1, M O'Sullivan (Ire) 3:59.14. 55m hurdles: 1, Tony Dees 7.09. Weight throw: 1, L Deal 23.38m. Shot: 1, K Toth 20.99. High jump: 1, T Barton 2.25. Triple jump: 1, E Foreal 16.99. Pole vault: 1, B Payne 5.70.

Women: 55m: 1, G Torrence 6.60. 200m: 1, C Guidry 22.85. 400m: 1, S Richards (Jam) 53.16. 800m: 1, T Paulino (Mozambique) 2:05.8. Mile: 1, P Schnurr (Can) 4:37. 55m hurdles: 1, M Freeman (Jam) 7.46. High jump: 1, Y Henry 1.92. Long jump: 1, S Tiedtke-Green (Ger) 6.52.

GRENOBLE: Indoor athletics meeting: Men: 50m: 1, J Meite (Ivory Coast) 5.69. Women: 50m: 1, A Nuneva (Bul) 6.19.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Southern championships (Parliament Hill Fields): Men (15km): 1, D Bannister (Shaftesbury B) 46.43. Team: 1, Blackheath 44. Women (6.5km): 1, N Lynch (Oxford Univ) 24:52. Team: 1, Parkside H 89. Midland championships (Corby): Men (12km): 1, D Payne (Tipton) 39.23. Team: 1, Tipton 72. Women (6km): 1, H Titterington (Leicester C) 23.13. Team: 1, Birchfield 37. Northern championships (Manchester): Men (13km): 1, D Lewis (Rossendale) 39.23. Team: 1, Bingley 77.

BADMINTON

TOKYO: Open tournament: Finals: Men: H Arbi (Indo) bt J Suprianto (Indo) 15-8, 15-8. Women: S Susanti (Indo) bt B Soo-hyun (S Kor) 11-7, 12-11.

BASKETBALL

NBA: LA Lakers 128 Seattle 121; Charlotte 102 Atlanta 93; Detroit 89 Miami 85; Indiana 106 Philadelphia 103; Orlando 107 Milwaukee 103; Washington 93 LA Clippers 87; Sacramento 87 Dallas 84; Houston 114 Minnesota 93; San Antonio 103 Denver 77; Utah 111 N Jersey 94.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester C 89 (Waldron 36, Branch 17) London 102 (Windless 23, Henlan 22, Scott 21); Sheffield 95 (Finch 24, Huggins 21, Gayle 20) Chester 77 (Gardner 25, Johnson 17); Sunderland 90 (Saunders 25, Puzic 18, Hopper 17) Worthing 91 (Irish 30, Cunningham/Nelson 17); Thames V 113 (Holley 27, Scantlebury 21, Aucan 19) Derby 96 (Gardner 26, Siemon 23, Betha 22); Manchester 88 (Robinson 24, Johnson 21, Craven 18) Birmingham 83 (Samuels 21, Lloyd 19).

BIATHLON

RUHPOLDING: World Cup: Men: 4x7.5km: 1, Germany 1:18.40.7; 2, Italy 1:19.33.3; 3, Austria 1:20.12.9. World Cup standings: 1, Russia 82pts; 2, Germany 76; 3, Italy 73. Women: 4x7.5km: 1, Germany 1:38.31.7; 2, Russia 1:40:11.0; 3, France 1:40.34.9. World Cup standings: 1, Germany 80; 2, France and Norway 78.

BOWLS

DENNY CUP: Quarter-finals: Teignbridge 95 North Walsham 71 (at Bromsgrove); Preston (Brighton) 95 Blackpool Borough 88 (at Nottingham); Rushden 81 Torbay 66 (at Whiteknights); Cyphers 88 Stanley 71 (at Nottingham).

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: International Boxing Federation lightweight championship (12 rds): Rafael Ruelas (California, holder) bt Billy Schwer (Luton) rsc 8th. International Boxing Federation light-welterweight championship (12 rds): Konstantin Tszyu (Aus) bt Jake Rodriguez (New York, holder) rsc 6th. World Boxing Council super-featherweight championship (12 rds): Gabriel Ruelas (California, holder) bt Fred Liberatore (New York) rsc 2nd. World Boxing Organisation mini-flyweight championship (12 rds): Alex Sanchez (P Rico, holder) bt Rafael Orozco (Mex) pts.

MIAMI: World Boxing Council Latin American super-lightweight championship: Leonardo Mas (P Rico, holder) bt Amath Aranda (Mex) pts. World Boxing Association Latin American cruiserweight championship: Reynaldo Gimenez (Arg) bt Jose DaSava (Br) pts.

ATLANTIC CITY: International Boxing Federation featherweight championship: Tom Johnson (US, holder) bt Manuel Medina (Mex) pts.

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Brabazon trophy: 1, J Badrutt (Cz) 317.29; 2, C Bertschinger (Cz) 318.44; 3, J Sunley (GB) 321.14.

CRICKET

Second A Test
India v England

Calcutta (Third day of five): India A lead England A by 104 runs with eight second-innings wickets in hand

INDIA A: First Innings 216 (U Chatterjee 72, Cork 3-48, Chapple 3-37)

Second Innings

J Singh c Cork b Stemp	13
V S Rathore not out	113
A A Mazumdar c Knight b Patel	23
R Dravid not out	48
Extras (b 5, nb 2)	7
Total (2 wkts)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-103.

BOWLING: Cork 9-0-34-0; Chapple 9-3-24-0; Stemp 26-6-72-1; Salisbury 4-0-16-0; Patel 22-5-53-1.

ENGLAND A: First Innings

N V Knight c Yadav b Mhambrey	31
M P Vaughan c Ganguly b Mhambrey	15
J E R Gallian c Yadav b Chatterjee	77
*A P Wells c Yadav b Mhambrey	93
D L Hemp lbw Mhambrey	18
D G Cork lbw Chauhan	12
†P A Nixon c Yadav b Chauhan	22
M M Patel lbw Chatterjee	9
G Chappel not out	9
I Salisbury c Mhambrey b Chatterjee	0
R D Stemp c Bahutule b Chauhan	5
Extras (b 5, lb 17, nb 3)	25
Total	316

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-55, 3-209, 4-243, 5-250, 6-270, 7-301, 8-303, 9-303.

BOWLING: Mhambrey 24-4-63-4; Ganguly 5-1-21-0; Chauhan 36.4-6-95-3; Chatterjee 31-8-76-3; Bahutule 13-2-36-0; Dravid 1-0-3-0.

Umpires: A V Jayaprakash and S K Bansal.

One-day international
New Zealand v West Indies

Christchurch: West Indies beat New Zealand by nine wickets

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young c Adams b Arthurton	13
A H Jones c Murray b Arthurton	9
†A C Parore c Holder b Dhanraj	9
*K R Rutherford b Benjamin	30
M W Douglas c Ambrose b Benjamin	12
S A Thomson c Murray b Benjamin	3
N J Astle c Holder b Cummins	9
J T Vaughan run out	9
G R Larsen b Adams	12
D K Morrison not out	14
R L Hayes c Holder b Arthurton	13
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 6, nb 3)	13
Total (49 overs)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-24, 3-53, 4-84, 5-73, 6-85, 7-99, 8-109, 9-123, 10-146.

BOWLING: Ambrose 7-2-15-0; Benjamin 8-1-12-3; Arthurton 10-0-31-3; Cummins 8-1-23-1; Dhanraj 10-0-37-1; Adams 6-0-24-1.

WEST INDIES

S C Williams not out	69
S L Campbell b Larsen	36
*B C Lara not out	34
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 8)	10
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 6, nb 3)	13
Total (1 wkt, 37.4 overs)	149

K Arthurton, R Holder, J Adams, †J Murray, A Cummins, W Benjamin, C Ambrose, R Dhanraj

FALL OF WICKET: 1-98.

BOWLING: Morrison 10-1-29-0; Hayes 7-0-31-0; Larsen 10-4-39-1; Vaughan 3-0-18-0; Thomson 5-1-19-0; Astle 2.4-0-14-0.

Series result: West Indies won 3-0.

HARARE: Tour match (final day of three): President's XI 301-4 dec (G Flower 137, G Whittall 104) and 143 (M Burmester 67; Akram Raza 5-52, Wasim Akram 4-26). Pakistanis 227-6 dec (Asif Mujtaba 113 not out) and 119-3 (Aamir Sohail 56). Pakistanis beat President's XI by seven wickets.

DUNEDIN: Tour match (first day of three): West Indians 295-7 (S Williams 54, J Adams 59) v Otago.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (second day of four): Sydney: Victoria 355 (M Elliot 99, P Reiffel 55, B McNamara 5-72) and 299-2 dec (D Jones 154 not out, B Hodge 87 not out). N Sth Wales 200-5 (G Matthews 59 ret hurt) and 8-1. Hobart: Sth Australia 352 (J Siddons 105; M Ridgway 6-79) and 71-1. Tasmania 354-5 dec (J Cox 165, R Ponting 62).

CASTLE CUP: Johannesburg (second day of four): Transvaal 376 (M Rushmere 134, A Pollock 74, C Grainger 54; A Dawson 8-86). W Province 209-3 (G Kirsten 91 not out, B McMillan 51 not out). Paarl (second day of four): Orange Free State 266-4 (L Wilkinson 101, M Arthur 61, H Cronje 55 not out) v Boland. Durban (third day of four): N Transvaal 270 (M Rindel 118) and 159 (K Rule 67, M Marshall 4-40). Natal 208 (N Johnson 71, L Klusener 54, S Elworthy 7-65) and 117-4 270 (M Rindel 118). East London (second day of four): E Province 281 (D Callaghan 111, D Richardson 105) and 26-0. Border 182 (A Huckle 6-59).

RED STRIPE CUP (second day of four): Anguilla: Barbados 258 and 140-3 (D Haynes 64 not out). Leeward Isles 222 (V Drakes 4-65). St Lucia: Jamaica 342. Windward Isles 141 (N Perry 4-29) and 60-1. Georgetown: Trinidad and Tobago 360 (P Simmons 74, D Williams 58, M Bodoe 53, R Harper 4-94). Guyana 134-7.

GUYANA: Under-19 international (second day of four): West Indies Youth 277. England Under-19 211 for seven. (A McGrath 102 not out; King 7-83).

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race: Leading standings (after second day): 1, J Madsen (Den) and D Clark (Aus) 105pts; 2, P Pieters (Holl) and P Carrera (Den) one lap behind; 3, J Veggerby and R Sorensen (Den) 74.

ESCHENBACH: Cyclo-Cross world championships: 1, D Runkel (Switz); 2, R Groenendaal (Holl); 3, B Wabel (Switz).

CYCLO-CROSS: Wolverhampton Wheelers (Aldersley 10 miles): 1, S Knight (Halesowen A and CC), 58min 27sec. South Western RC (Surrey, 15 miles): 1, I Taylor (Redhill), 1.04:04. Abergavenny RC (Abergavenny, 10 miles): 1, J Winn (Extreme), 58.30. VS Kajabhan (S Shields, 10 miles): 1, C Featherstone (Derwentside), 56:20. Mapperley CC (Nottingham, 10 miles): 1, D Barnett (Ace), 51:35.

DUATHLON

LANZAROTE: Saucony Powerman Series tenth round (10k run, 30km cycle, 5km run): Men: 1, M Tobin (US) 1.40.44; 2, G Watson (US) 1.44.13; 3, I Cocker (SA) 1.44.33; 7, J Taylor (Eng) 1.48.05; 8, R Hobson (Eng) 1.48.11. Women: 1, A Emmerson (Eng) 2.02.49; 2, E Konig-Zenz (Austria) 2.03.31; 3, G Simon (US) 2.05.37; 6, M Watson (Wales) 2.07.52.

FREESTYLE SKIING

LAKE PLACID: World Cup: Aerials: Men: 1, T Worthington (US) 239.98pts; 2, S Foucras (Fr) 220.67; 3, K Feddersen (US) 218.74; 4, D Downs (Can) 218.10; 5, C Rijavec (Austria) 216.78. World Cup aerial standings (after 4 of 6 events): 1, Rijavec 388; 2, Foucras 384; 3, Worthington 380; 4, Feddersen 380. Combined: 1, Worthington 29.10; 2, Downs 29.08; 3, Belhumeur 27.19. World Cup combined standings (after 4 of 5 events): 1, Worthington 400; 2, Downs 388; 3, Belhumeur 368. Women: 1, C Brand (Switz) 163.15; 2, K Marshall (Aus) 159.89; 3, N Stone (US) 155.96. World Cup aerial standings (after 4 of 6 events): 1, Marnell 384; 2, Stone 372; 3, Brand 360. Combined: 1, Porter 28.60; 2, K Kubenk (Can) 25.41; 3, M Schmid (Switz) 26.16. World Cup combined standings (after 4 of 5 events): 1, Schmid and Porter 388; 3, Kubenk 380; 4, Orekhova, 280.

Nations Cup: 1, United States 6,524; 2, Canada 5,940; 3, Switzerland 3,600.

GOLF

MANILA: Johnnie Walker Classic: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 277: F Couples (US) 72, 67, 67, 71. 279: N Price (Zim) 71, 67, 71, 70. 280: R Allenby (Aus) 71, 70, 68, 71. 281: G Norman (Aus) 72, 70, 70, 69; A Coltart 70, 72, 69, 70; M Campbell (NZ) 74, 68, 66, 73. 283: C Montgomerie 73, 68, 68, 74. 284: P Senior (Aus) 71, 72, 71, 70. 285: D Frost (SA) 74, 71, 71, 69; D Clarke 72, 69, 72, 72. 286: P Walton 73, 73, 70, 70. 287: P-U Johansson (Swe) 71, 73, 73, 70; M Hallberg (Swe) 69, 73, 74, 71; S Struver (Ger) 73, 71, 72, 71; R Karlsson (Swe) 74, 66, 72, 76. 288: A Sherborne 74, 73, 71, 70; M Lanner (Swe) 74, 73, 70, 71; B Jobe (US) 76, 70, 69, 73. 289: P Linhart (Sp) 75, 70, 74, 70; M Clayton (Aus) 75, 73, 70, 71; I Garrido (Sp) 74, 72, 71, 72; M McLean 75, 74, 68, 72. 290: J L Guepy (Fr) 78, 71, 69, 72; C Rocca (It) 73, 69, 74, 74; S Grappasonni (It) 70, 73, 73, 74; B Langer (Ger) 74, 70, 71, 75; S Torrance 71, 71, 72, 76. 291: I Palmer (SA) 73, 72, 79, 67; P Fowler (Aus) 75, 69, 74, 73; R Chapman 71, 73, 73, 74; P O'Malley (Aus) 74, 70, 73, 74; M Davis 72, 70, 74, 75. 292: S Ames (Tri) 76, 71, 73, 72; R Claydon 75, 73, 70, 74; S McAllister 74, 69, 74, 75; A Cejka (Ger) 76, 71, 67, 78. 293: J Haeggman (Swe) 70, 78, 76, 71; P Hedblom (Swe) 76, 73, 72, 72; I Aoki (Japan) 72, 70, 78, 73; B Watts (US) 75, 72, 73, 73. 294: S Watson 72, 77, 75, 70; P Broadhurst 73, 74, 75, 72. 295: R Drummond 74, 74, 76, 71; E Els (SA) 78, 71, 75, 71; C Tze-chung (Taiw) 76, 72, 73, 74; *H Chao-yu (Taiw) 74, 75, 71, 75; P Eales 70, 73, 76, 76; C Cassas (Phil) 73, 74, 71, 77. 296: D Walsworth (US) 76, 72, 79, 69; J Singh (India) 75, 74, 74, 73; S Ballesteros (Sp) 73, 73, 74, 76. 297: C Cassells 74, 74, 75, 74; Z Lian-wei (China) 77, 72, 73, 75; D Cruz (Phil) 77, 72, 72, 76; S Flesch (US) 74, 73, 73, 77; M Ramayah (Malay) 70, 74, 75, 78; L Westwood 75, 69, 72, 81. 298: A Sorensen (Den) 73, 74, 78, 73; W Riley (Aus) 75, 74, 75, 74; B Ruangkit (Thai) 73, 72, 78, 75; G J Brand 72, 74, 77, 75; C Mason 76, 73, 74, 75; K Hla Han (Burma) 78, 71, 72, 77; M-A Martin (Sp) 73, 76, 71, 78. 299: P Gunesagaran (Malay) 74, 74, 77, 74; K Jung-duck (S Kor) 75, 72, 76, 76; H Yu-shu (Taiw) 78, 71, 75, 77; P Way 78, 73, 73, 77. 300: M Gronberg (Swe) 74, 75, 78, 73; S Cage 74, 75, 78, 75; L Porter (US) 74, 74, 76, 76; R Davis (Aus) 78, 70, 76, 76; S Gimson (Sing) 73, 74, 76, 77. 302: P Talbot 73, 76, 76, 77; M Harwood (Aus) 74, 71, 76, 81. 303: N Briggs 77, 72, 76, 78. 304: D Westermark (Swe) 76, 72, 79, 77.

* denotes amateur

ARIZONA: Phoenix Open: Third round scores (US unless stated): 202: B Crenshaw 68, 64, 70. 203: V Singh (Fiji) 70, 67, 66; J Adams 71, 66, 66; S Lowery 70, 68, 65; B Mayfair 69, 67, 67; J Furyk 67, 68, 68. 204: H Irwin 66, 66, 72; J Wilson 69, 66, 69. 205: M Calcavecchia 72, 67, 66; S Stricker 70, 68, 67; S Jones 68, 69, 68; T Watson 67, 67, 71. 206: N Ozaki (Japan) 68, 71, 67; K Triplett 74, 65, 67; L Roberts 72, 67, 67; P Stewart 71, 68, 67; D Hammond 70, 68, 68; B Lietzke 72, 65, 69; T Purtzer 69, 68, 69; P Mickelson 70, 66, 70; R Fehr 71, 70, 65. British scores: 208: D Feherty 73, 66, 69. 216: N Faldo 71, 69, 76.

MBABANE, Swaziland: Men's tournament: Final scores (SA unless stated): 266: B Ott (US) 67, 67, 67, 65. 268: R Kaplan 69, 63, 69, 67; C Davison 68, 67, 65, 68. 270: A Roestoff 65, 68, 69, 68. 271: R Freeman (US) 68, 67, 70, 66; M Christie (US) 70, 69, 65, 67. 272: S Daniels 69, 69, 70, 64. 273: P H Horgan (US) 69, 68, 67, 69; R Whittaker (US) 69, 68, 67, 69; R Goosen 67, 68, 69, 69; S Ford (US) 69, 71, 64, 69. 279: V Philips (GB) 68, 68, 74, 69.

NETBALL

CARDIFF: European League: England 67 Wales 22.

NORDIC SKIING

LAHTI, Finland: World Cup: Men: Cross-country: 15km classic: 1, V Smirnov (Kazak) 38min 57.2sec; 2, J Isometsa (Fin) 40:01.6; 3, B Dahlie (Nor) 40.01.9. Cross-country standings (after 6 of 15 events): 1, Dahlie 620pts; 2, Smirnov 470; 3, Isometsa 351. Ski jumping: 1, J Weissflog (Ger) 126.9pts; 2, J Suchacek (Cz) 119.1; 3, K Funaki (Japan) 113.7. Ski jumping standings (after 13 events): 1, A Goldberger (Austria) 992; 2, J Ahonen (Fin) 673; 3, Funaki 607.

VUOKATTI, Finland: Combined World Cup: Skiing: 1, K-T Apeland (Nor) 37.36.0; 2, H Skard (Nor) 37:50.4; 3, K Ogiwara (Japan) 38:07.3. Ski jumping: 1, M Abe (Japan) 241.5pts; 2, Ogiwara 236.0; 3, R Hedeman (US) 235.5. Combined World Cup standings: 1, Ogiwara 725pts; 2, Apeland 583; 3, F-B Lundberg (Nor) 577.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Welsh Open: Semi-finals: S Davis (Eng) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 6-3; J Higgins (Scot) bt C Small (Scot) 6-1. Final: Davis leads Higgins 4-3.

SPEED SKATING

INNSBRUCK: World Cup: Men: 1,000m: 1, Y Miyabe (Japan) 1:15.46; 2, K Scott (Can) 1:16.15; 3, Y Miyabe (Japan) 1:16.18. 5,000m: 1, R Ritsma (Holl) 7min 05.29sec; 2, B Veldkamp (Holl) 7.05.29; 3, K Shirahata (Japan) 7:08.30. Women: 1,000m: 1, G Niemann (Ger) 1.22.07; 2, E Hunyady (Austria) 1:23.34; 3, A Thomas (Holl) 1:23.74. 3,000m: 1, G Niemann (Ger) 4.23.14; 2, C Zijlstra (Holl) 4.24.99; 3, E Belci (It) 4.26.44.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Finals: Men: A Agassi (US) bt P Sampras (US) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4.

Women: M Pierce (Fr) bt A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 6-3, 6-2. Mixed doubles: R Leach (US) and N Zvereva (Bela) bt C Suk (Cz) and G Fernandez (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Blantyre 2 BA McGregor Glazing 3; Fife 3 Pentland 2; Dundee 2 Rucanor 3; Paisley T 3 Kilmarnock 2; Cardinals 0 Glasgow R 3. Women: First division: Blantyre 0 Hazlehead 3; Whitburn 0 Grangeburn 3; Pentland NUVOC 0 Rucanor 3; Paisley P 0 Ayrshire K 3; Edinburgh U 0 Cardinals 3.

RACING

CHELTENHAM

Going: heavy

1.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Fourth In Line (N Williamson, 6-1); 2, Freddie Muck (12-1); 3, Pistol River (14-1); 4, Morstock (12-1). Fixturessecretary 11-2 fav. 21 ran. NR: Conquering Leader, Nipper Reed, Supreme Master. 15l, 6l. J Edwards. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.60, £5.70, £3.00. DF: £33.50. Trio: £350.00. CSF: £79.17. Tricast: £932.70.

1.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, Smith's Band (W Marston, 7-2 fav); 2, Benjamin Lancaster (5-1); 3, Rocky Park (9-2). 10 ran. 14l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £10.00. Trio: £11.70. CSF: £19.97. Tricast: £72.21.

2.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Pridwell (J Lower, 15-8 fav); 2, Zealous Kitten (7-2); 3, Musical Monarch (11-2). 6 ran. 9l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.48.

2.55 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Master Oats (N Williamson, 6-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Dubacilla (4-1); 3, Barton Bank (2-1). 7 ran. 15l, 3½l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.40. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.61.

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Mudahim (N Williamson, 13-2); 2, Aiours (9-2); 3, Mediator (33-1). Hebridean 11-8 fav. 7 ran. 7l, 6l. C Broad. Tote: £7.10; £2.60, £2.90. DF: £19.30. CSF: £31.59.

4.05 (2m 5f) 1, Couldnt Be Better (G Bradley, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Southolt (7-1); 3, Beech Road (9-2). Beachy Head 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. 12l, 20l. C Brooks. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £17.80. Trio: £41.30. CSF: £29.16. Tricast: £117.76.

4.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Brave Tornado (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Clifton Beat (3-1 fav); 3, Romancer (7-2). 10 ran. 4l, 1l. G Balding. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £5.00. Trio: £6.50. CSF: £13.87.

Placepot: £94.90. Quadpot: £14.80.

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Going: soft (heavy in places)

12.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Sparky Gayle (B Storey, 100-30); 2, Forbidden Time (7-4 fav); 3, After Grace (5-1). 17 ran. 20l, 11l. C Parker. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £3.10. Trio: £7.30. CSF: £8.99.

1.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Barney Rubble (B Harding, 5-1); 2, Persian House (14-1); 3, Armagret (11-1). Ceilidh Boy 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 12l. D Whillans. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £3.10, £3.50. DF: £24.50. Trio: £139.90. CSF: £62.22. Tricast: £668.07.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, Aragon Ayr (B Harding, 8-1); 2, Rebel King (9-1); 3, Master of Troy (14-1). Weaver George 9-4 fav. 10 ran. Nk, 2½l. P Monteith. Tote: £7.20; £1.90, £2.90, £2.50. DF: £38.80. Trio: £83.30. CSF: £71.93. Tricast: £908.18.

2.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Sheelin Lad (T Reed, 15-2); 2, Kilcolgan (14-1); 3, Ninta (2-1 fav). 11 ran. 1¼l, 20l. L Lungo. Tote: £12.50; £1.70, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £27.70. Trio: £36.10. CSF: £98.55.

2.50 (3m 4f hdle) 1, Nicholas Plant (F Leahy, 7-1); 2, Nawtinookey (25-1); 3, Very Evident (5-1); 4, Miss Jedd (25-1). Explore Mondial 7-2 fav. 16 ran. 1l, 1½l. J Goldie. Tote: £13.90; £2.90, £13.00, £1.90, £6.80. DF: £179.80. Trio: £313.40. CSF: £171.69. Tricast: £908.11. No bid.

3.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, Fast Cruise (A Thornton, 12-1); 2, Bula Nudav (12-1); 3, Funny Old Game (9-2). Political Tower 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 1l, 25l. E Owen jun. Tote: £59.10; £6.20, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £67.40. Trio: £71.50. CSF: £132.76. Tricast: £684.49.

3.55 (2m flat) 1, Dato Star (M Newton, 5-1); 2, Santa Concerto (12-1); 3, Ebullient Equiname (5-4 fav). 16 ran. NR: Barafoot Landing. 9l, 1l. J Jefferson. Tote: £9.20; £2.20, £3.60, £1.50. DF: £25.60. Trio: £67.40. CSF: £68.22.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £26,228.86 carried forward to Southwell today).

Placepot: £1,459.20. Quadpot: not won (pool of £131.60 carried forward to Southwell today).

LINGFIELD PARK

1.40 1, Ultra Beet (4-6 fav); 2, Baileys Sunset (6-1); 3, Musical Fantasy (4-1). 7 ran.

2.10 1, Whackford Squeers (8-1); 2, Ine Mon (2-1); 3, Opera Fan (11-8 fav). 6 ran.

2.45 1, Medland (15-2); 2, Greek Gold (3-1); 3, Awesome Power (8-13 fav). 8 ran.

3.15 1, Nordinex (13-2); 2, No Pattern (7-2 fav); 3, Soldier's Leap (4-1). 7 ran.

3.45 1, Nordico Princess (5-1); 2, Speedy Classic (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Red Admiral (12-1). African Chimes 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Pat Poindestres.

4.20 1, Carpathian (6-4 fav); 2, In The Money (4-1); 3, Dancing Diamond (10-1). 8 ran.

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Saturday: Firebrands 2 Guildford 3; Hounslow 2 East Grinstead 1; Old Loughtonians 1 Havant 3; Slough 0 Teddington 5; Southgate 5 Hull 2. Yesterday: Bournville 2 Surbiton 1; Firebrands 1 Stourport 2; Guildford 7 Hull 0; Indian Gymkhana 1 Old Loughtonians 7; Reading 3 Havant 1; Slough 2 East Grinstead 0; Southgate 2 Cannock 2; Teddington 1 Hounslow 2; Trojans 2 Canterbury 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O Loughtons	8	6	1	1	24	11	19
Teddington	8	6	0	2	24	11	18
Southgate	9	5	3	1	26	14	18
Cannock	7	5	2	0	25	6	17
Hounslow	8	5	2	1	15	10	17
Surbiton	9	5	2	2	16	9	17
Reading	9	5	1	3	16	13	16
Guildford	8	4	1	3	21	13	13
East Grinstead	8	4	1	3	12	14	13
Havant	8	3	2	3	12	15	11
Indian Gym	9	3	2	5	15	22	11
Stourport	8	2	2	4	11	16	8
Trojans	9	2	2	5	11	22	8
Bournville	9	2	2	5	12	24	8
Canterbury	9	1	4	4	15	18	7
Hull	9	2	1	6	9	26	7
Slough	9	1	2	6	9	25	5
Firebrands	5	1	0	7	7	18	3

SECOND DIVISION: Barford Tigers 0 St Albans 4; Beeston 0 Whitchurch 2; Bromley 1 Doncaster 0; Brooklands 3 Cambridge City 1; Crostyn 1 Oxford University 1; Hampstead and Westminster 2 Sheffield 1; Harleston Magpies 2 Gloucester City 2; Isca 0 Richmond 1; Neston 0 Edgbaston 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barford Tigers	10	7	1	2	22	12	22
St Albans	2	6	1	2	23	10	19
Doncaster	10	5	4	1	15	8	19
Brooklands	10	6	1	3	17	14	19
Gloucester	10	5	2	3	26	19	17
Beeston	10	5	2	3	18	14	17
Isca	10	4	2	4	21	13	14
Sheffield	10	4	2	4	19	17	14
Harleston	10	4	2	4	13	11	14
Hampstead	10	3	5	2	14	14	14
Bromley	10	3	3	4	13	13	12
Richmond	10	3	3	4	10	15	12
Oxford U	10	3	3	4	11	18	12
Edgbaston	10	2	5	3	6	10	11
Whitchurch	10	3	1	6	12	18	10
Crostyn	9	2	3	4	11	16	9
Cambridge	10	1	2	7	10	23	5
Neston	9	0	2	7	4	17	2

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: City Of Portsmouth 2 Woking 1; Dulwich 0 Spencer 3; Fareham 1 Old Kingstonians 1; Lewes 2 Gore Court 1; Lyons 1 Wimbledon 2; Maidenhead 2 Staines 4; Old Alleyounians 0 High Wycombe 5; Oxford Hawks 1 Anchorians 2; Winchester 2 Old Whitgiftians 1. Postponed: Ashford v Chichester. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Bournemouth 5 Purley 0; Camberley 0 Barnes 2; Cheam 1 Orchid 3; Hamble OB 2 Pirelli 4; Lensbury 5 Weybridge Hawks 1; London University 0 O Mid Whitgiftians 0; Merton 1 Fleet 3; O Edwardians 2 Epsom 4; Oxted 4 Southampton Tauntonians 2; Petersfield 1 Basingstoke 1. Kent/Sussex: Beckenham 2 Blackheath 1; Bexleyheath 1 Brighton 2; Bognor 2 Horsham 2; Greenwich 0 Herne Bay 2; Mid Sussex 2 Middleton 0; O Holcombeians 3 O Bordonians 0; O Williamsonians 1 Marden Russets 2; Sevenoaks 2 Belvedere 2; Tulse Hill 2 Crawley 1; Tunbridge Wells 0 Gravesend 0. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham 6 Gerrards Cross 2; Aylesbury 1 H C C 2; Bracknell 0 City Of Oxford 0; Headington 2 Eastcote 4; O M T 0 Newbury 4; P H C Chiswick 4 Marlow 0; Ramgarhia 4 Milton Keynes 2; Richings Park 1 Mill Hill 0; Sunbury 1 Hayes 1; Wokingham 1 Hendon 0.

SUN LIFE LEAGUE: Premier League: Cheltenham 3 West Glos 0; Exeter University 1 Taunton Vale 1; Hereford 3 West Wilts 0; Plymouth 0 Bath Buccaneers 4; Weston-super-Mare 2 Swansea 0.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Warrington 0 Hightown-Northern 0. Postponed: Ben Rhydding v Blackburn; Formby v Stockton; Harrogate v Timperley; Southport v Norton.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Blueharts 3 Chelmsford 0; Cambridge Univ 2 Bishops Stortford 4; Colchester 0 Redbridge and Ilford 1; Dereham 0 Ipswich 2; Luton 3 Peterborough Town 5. Premier division B: Bury St Edmunds 3 Westcliff 1; Ipswich and East Suffolk 2 Bedford 4; Pelicans 0 Norwich City 2; Romford 2 Stevenage 0; Sudbury 1 Old Southendian 2.

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLAND LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 3 Nottingham 1; Hampton In Arden 0 Harbourne 1; Lichfield 0 Knafsa 0; Leicester Westleigh 1 Olton and West Warwickshire 6; North Notts 2 Blorwich 2.

WOMEN

INTERNATIONALS: Saturday: San Diego: United States 0 Great Britain 2. Bisham Abbey: England 1 Russia 0. Sunday: Bisham Abbey: England 1 Russia 2.

CLUB MATCHES: Bexleyheath 0, Bervaders 0; Blueharts 0 Balsam Leicester 0; Bracknell 5 Worthing 0; Canterbury 2, Old Loughtonians 1; England under-21 7 Trojans 4; Hampton in Arden 1 Cheltenham 1; Reading 1 Ealing 0; Redland 1 Exmouth 0; Southampton Tauntonians 0 West Whitney 2; Woking 1 Redbridge 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 5 Edmonton 2; Philadelphia 3 Boston 1; Florida 2 Hartford 1; Montreal 5 New Jersey 1; San Jose 3 Dallas 2; Tampa Bay 4 NY Islanders 1; Ottawa 2 Buffalo 2; Quebec 2 NY Rangers 0; Toronto 2 Calgary 1; Vancouver 3 St Louis 1; Los Angeles 4 Winnipeg 2.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife 4 Edinburgh 1; Bracknell 5 Cardiff 6. First division: Dumfries 7 Swindon 13; Lee Valley 6 Solihull 10; Slough 15 Medway 10; Telford 11 Chelmsford 2; Trafford 7 Guildford 2.

SCHOOLS SPORT

Elizabeth Cann, from Jersey, competing in the English Schools Badminton Championships at Coventry yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Rugby Union

St Olave's 25 St Joseph's Ipswich 11, Wimbledon 0 Tiffin 17

Football

English Schools Snickers Trophy: First round: Shrewsbury 3 Wolverhampton GS 1

English Schools FA Premier League Trophy: (Under-16): Greater Manchester 5 Cheshire 2.

North West Alder Cup. Under-15: First round: Preston 0 Oldham 2

Hockey

Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 2 Berkhamsted 1; Queen's, Taunton 2 Exeter 0. Girls: Queenswood 5 Haileybury 0

Judo

HIGH WYCOMBE: British Schools national trials: Boys: Under-50kg: 1, M Neale (N Avon); 2, J Bennett (Kent); 3, L Parts (Tyne and Wear). Under-55kg: 1, J Davies (Coventry); 2, P Raney (N Avon); 3, D Smithies (Dorset). Under-60kg: 1, S Wright (Berks); 2, D Lucas (Surrey); 3, R Wynd (S Tyne). Under-65kg: 1, S Harris (Birmingham); 2, M Mulligan (Cleveland); 3, S Warner (Kent). Under-71kg: 1, M Ashton (Cambs); 2, C Wheeler (Essex); 3, S Holt (London). Under-78kg: 1, A Sproat (Blackpool); 2, J Adams (Northumberland); 3, S Delaney (N Avon). Over-78kg: 1, J Goldie (Glasgow); 2, B Brown (Cornwall); 3, S Brennan (N Tyneside). Girls: Under-48kg: 1, V Dunn (London); 2, M Joyce (Kent); 3, A Hunter (Yorkshire). Under-52kg: 1, S Pyme (Worcs); 2, J Inwood (Sheffield); 3, K Ellington (Cambs). Under-56kg: 1, J Bren (Surrey); 2, M Milner (W Midlands); 3, C Burton (Cambs). Under-61kg: 1, D Read (Herefordshire); 2, K Hurst (Essex); 3, R Bailey (Yorks). Under-66kg: 1, C Plowman (Oxon); 2, H Webster (Yorks); 3, N Lewis (Shropshire). Under-72kg: 1, R Lucas (Devon); 2, V Holmes (Devon); 3, E Weller (Somerset). Over-72kg: 1, L Delahay (N Avon); 2, M Wilkes (Wolverhampton); 3, F Beattie (Tyne and Wear).

Badminton

COVENTRY: English Schools Championships: Boys singles: Second round: M Shuker (Hants) bt G Buckley (Gr Manchester) 15-1, 15-0; M Corby (Devon) bt G Dickson (Yorks) 15-9, 14-17, 15-9; A Eaton (Essex) bt B Parr (Kent) 15-2, 15-2; P Batchford (Notts) bt S Cripps (Berks) 5-15, 15-9, 15-9; R Marshall (Yorks) bt M Forshaw (Cheshire) 15-7, 15-7; C Monnig (Gloucs) bt J Mumford (Merseyside) 14-17, 15-11, 15-3; S Pemberton (Staffs) bt S Smith (Yorks) 15-12, 15-9; C Davidson (Herts) bt D Gotts (Lincs) 12-15, 11-6 ret; D Lindley (Notts) bt J Vincent (Yorks) 15-2, 15-3; A Davis (Yorks) bt P Stace (Sussex) 15-12, 15-6; M Hemsley (Devon) w o N Thin (Yorks) scr; L Dowson (Gr Manchester) bt E Grinwood (Essex) 15-4, 15-10; M Scholes (Surrey) bt P Wallace (Essex) 15-7, 11-15, 15-7; A Skeggs (Herts) bt M Moore (Gr Manchester) 15-4, 15-9; J Lewis (Berks) bt D Dry (Kent) 15-9, 18-14; A Gotton (Derbys) bt A Maney (Yorks) 15-12, 15-12; J Hemsley (Devon) bt R Bull (Essex) 15-5, 15-3; C Dawn (Yorks) bt A Bouse (Staffs) 15-7, 15-7; J Plunkett (Norfolk) bt D McDonald (Herts) 15-7, 14-17, 15-11; A South (Notts) bt B Croxford (Surrey) 15-2, 15-3; S Elvin (Yorks) bt A Scott (Gr Manchester) 15-2, 15-7; J Gorman (Essex) bt D Jones (Wilts) 15-11, 15-9; O Bush (Berks) bt T Cleaver (Yorks) 15-8, 6-15, 15-8; J Lang (Avon) bt A Abood (Cheshire) 15-4, 15-6; T Peters (Berks) bt C Burchard (Kent) 15-5, 15-3; A Thilthorpe (Hants) bt W Johnson (Suffolk) 2-15, 15-4, 15-6; C Gandy (Tyne and Wear) bt S Wood (Gr Manchester) 18-15, 15-3; T Massey (Notts) bt S Calvert (Yorks) 15-5, 15-16; Faircloth bt M Green (Dorset) 15-11, 15-11; G MacFarlane (Guernsey) bt J Parker (Yorks) 15-7, 15-7; Boast w o S Eaton (Essex) scr; T Gooden (Herts) bt L Parker 15-3, 5-3. Third round: Shuker bt Corby 15-4, 15-1; A Eaton bt Batchford 15-6, 15-4; Marshall bt Monnig 15-5, 15-1; Davidson bt Pemberton 15-10, 6-15, 15-6; Lindley bt Davis 15-4, 15-7; M Hemsley bt Dawson 15-9, 15-6; Scholes bt Skeggs 15-7, 15-5; Lewis bt Gotton 15-8, 15-11; Calen bt J Hemsley 15-7, 15-9; South bt Plunkett 15-2, 15-9; Gorham bt Elvin 15-4, 15-3; Lang bt Bush 15-4, 15-4; Thilthorpe bt Peters 15-10, 17-16; Massey bt Gandy 15-8, 15-11; MacFarlane bt Faircloth 15-10, 15-1; Gooden bt Boast 15-6, 15-3. Fourth round: Shuker bt A Eaton 15-7, 15-9; Marshall bt Davidson 15-2, 15-6; M Hemsley bt Lindley 17-15, 15-10; Lewis bt Scholes 15-10, 15-3; South bt Dakin 15-8, 15-6; Lang bt Gorham 10-15, 15-2, 15-8; Massey bt Thilthorpe 15-9, 15-10; Gooden bt MacFarlane 15-9, 18-13. Quarter-finals: Shuker bt Marshall 10-15, 15-9, 15-2; Lewis bt M Hemsley 15-5, 15-9; South bt Lang 15-3, 15-17, 18-2; Gooden bt Massey 15-9, 11-15, 15-2. Semi-finals: Shuker bt Lewis 15-10, 16-18, 15-7; South bt Gooden 15-8, 15-13. Final: Shuker bt South 9-15, 15-11, 15-10.

Girls singles: Second round: E Cann (Jersey) bt H Cheadle (Staffs) 11-6, 11-5; K Ratcliffe (Gr Manchester) bt R Bannister (Yorks) 11-1, 11-3; S Pennington (Norfolk) bt L Beck (Yorks) 11-2, 11-1; H Palmer (Herts) bt C Graveling (Warwicks) 11-2, 11-2; F Brydon (Bucks) bt L Burns (Jersey) 11-6, 11-1; E Goodall (Notts) bt Z Ledger (Staffs) 11-3, 11-0; J Wyatt (Warwicks) bt J Rayappan (Herts) 11-0, 11-5; R Tarry (Derbys) bt L Turner (Essex) 10-12, 11-7, 12-11; L Parker (Herts) bt C Wright (Bucks) 11-7, 11-0; K Magee (Warwicks) bt L Hanson (Staffs) 11-1, 11-5; E Martin (Oxon) bt E Richardson (Yorks) 11-7, 2-11, 11-5; A Reed (Berks) bt N Duerden (Gr Manchester) 11-1, 11-2; F Andrews (Surrey) bt S Rayappan (Herts) 11-4, 11-6; R Lewis (Gloucs) bt A Parker (Hants) 11-1, 11-3; A Mandalason (Beds) bt R Ellis (Notts) 11-5, 11-1; D Le Feuvre (Jersey) bt S Azoulay (Gr Manchester) 11-7, 11-3. Third round: Ratcliffe bt Cann 11-7, 11-1; Palmer bt Pennington 11-4, 11-3; Brydon bt Goodall 11-0, 11-2; Wyatt bt Tarry 11-5, 11-2; Magee bt Parker 5-11, 11-3, 11-7; Reed bt Martin 11-2, 11-2; Lewis bt Andrews 11-5, 11-3; Le Feuvre bt Mandalason 11-2, 11-0. Quarter-finals: Palmer bt Ratcliffe 11-3, 11-3; Brydon bt Wyatt 11-5, 8-8 ret; Reed bt Magee 11-5, 11-1; Le Feuvre bt Lewis 5-11, 11-4, 11-3. Semi-finals: Brydon bt Palmer 11-7, 5-11, 11-9; Reed bt Le Feuvre 11-7, 11-4. Final: Reed bt Brydon 11-4, 5-11, 11-5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy

Final

Warrington 10 Wigan 40

Warrington: Tries: Forster 2. Goals: Davies 2. Wigan: Tries: Tuigamala 2, Botica, Connolly, McDermott, Offiah. Goals: Botica 8. Att: 19,636

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Castleford 16 St Helens 16

Castleford: Tries: Middleton, C Smith. Goals: Crooks 5. St Helens: Tries: Veivers 2, Northey. Goals: Sullivan 2. Att: 5,329

Hull 22 Workington 26

Hull: Tries: Street 2, Dixon, Vaikona. Goals: Hewitt 3. Workington: Tries: Drummond, Ellis, Hepi, Mulligan. Goals: Marwood 2, Mulligan 2, Armstrong. Att: 3,948

Wakefield 8 Halifax 30

Wakefield: Tries: Flynn 2. Halifax: Tries: Bentley 2, Baldwin, Dean, Divorty. Goals: Schuster 5. Att: 4,504

Postponed: Bradford N v Featherstone; Doncaster v Oldham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	18	17	0	1	640	252	34
Leeds	19	16	1	2	560	339	33
Halifax	19	13	1	5	515	319	27
Bradford	20	13	1	6	522	350	27
St Helens	20	13	1	6	534	388	27
Castleford	18	11	2	5	495	331	24
Warrington	19	11	1	7	428	340	23
Oldham	18	7	1	10	342	444	15
Sheffield	19	7	0	12	355	469	14
Wakefield	19	7	0	12	281	480	14
Salford	18	6	1	11	370	426	13
Workington	19	6	1	12	311	495	13
Doncaster	19	5	1	13	314	535	11
Featherstone	19	4	1	14	372	448	9
Widnes	17	4	1	12	198	416	9
Hull	19	3	1	15	350	556	7

Second division

Bramley 30 Swinton 10

Bramley: Tries: W Freeman 2, Creasser, Greenwood, Long. Goals: Creasser 5. Swinton: Tries: Gartland, Lord. Goals: Hudspith. Att: 647

Carlisle 12 Hunslet 32

Carlisle: Tries: Thaist 3. Hunslet: Tries: Mick Coyle 2, G Boothroyd, Grant, Jowitt, Limb. Goals: Pell 4. Att: 350

Huddersfield 50 Leigh 6

Huddersfield: Tries: King 2, Austin, Barton, Hanger, Phil Hellewell, Kerry, Pearson, Shelford, Thomas. Goals: Kerry 5. Leigh: Tries: Martin. Goals: Gunning. Att: 2,187

London Broncos 42 Highfield 4

London Broncos: Tries: Johnson 2, Rotherham 2, Bryant, Dornic, Heugh, Rosolen. Goals: Gallagher 5. Highfield: Tries: Crehan. Att: 501

Rochdale 28 Hull K R 10

Rochdale: Tries: Sharp 2, Gibson, Stett. Goals: Stett 5. Drop Goals: Turner 2. Hull K R: Tries: M Fletcher, Plange. Goals: M Fletcher. Att: 1,027

Ryedale York 20 Barrow 11

Ryedale York: Tries: Ramsden, D Smith. Goals: Precious 6. Barrow: Tries: Everitt, Trainor. Goals: Paul Atkinson. Drop Goals: Ruane. Att: 681

Whitehaven 30 Batley 8

Whitehaven: Tries: Dunn, G Morton, Pechey, Quirke, Routledge. Goals: L Anderson 5. Batley: Tries: Martin. Goals: Martin, Wilson. Att: 1,326

Postponed: Dewsbury v Keighley.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	17	14	1	2	557	208	29
Batley	19	14	0	5	423	238	28
Hull K R	19	12	0	7	567	268	24
Dewsbury	18	12	0	6	453	268	24
Huddersfield	19	12	0	7	482	310	24
London Broncos	19	12	0	7	430	295	24
Rochdale	19	12	0	7	491	365	24
Whitehaven	17	12	0	5	399	318	24
Leigh	18	10	0	8	417	366	20
Ryedale York	19	9	1	9	448	383	19
Hunslet	19	8	0	11	363	526	16
Swinton	19	7	0	12	362	532	14
Bramley	18	6	0	12	356	347	12
Carlisle	19	4	0	15	305	585	8
Barrow	19	2	0	17	246	558	4
Highfield	18	1	0	17	124	858	2

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Third round: Blackpool Stanley 0 Irlam Hornets 34; Folly Lane 8 Blackbrook 4; Heysham Atoms 28 Hare and Hounds 18; Kells 0 West Bowling 20; Norland 6 West Hull 12. All other ties postponed.

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup

Fifth round

Bristol 8 Leicester 16

Bristol: Try: Eves. Pen: Tainton. Leicester: Try: Kardooni. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 2, Harris.

Exeter 18 Aspatria 6

Exeter: Tries: Dovell, Maunder. Con: Green. Pens: Green 2. Aspatria: Pens: Scott 2.

London Irish 15 Harlequins 40

London Irish: Tries: Bell, Hennessy. Con: Cathcart. Pen: Cathcart. Harlequins: Tries: Bromley 2, Greenwood, Sheasby, Staples. Cons: Challinor 3. Pens: Challinor 3.

Lydney 10 Wakefield 23

Lydney: Try: Stone. Con: Mills. Pen: Mills. Wakefield: Tries: Scully 2, Croft. Con: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 2.

Northampton 27 Richmond 6

Northampton: Tries: Moir 2, Cassell, Lewis. Cons: Grayson 2. Pen: Grayson. Richmond: Pens: Gregory 2.

Orrell 19 Bath 25

Orrell: Try: Langford. Con: Langford. Pens: Langford 3. Dropped goal: Langford. Bath: Tries: Guscott, Swift. Pens: Callard 2. Dropped goals: Catt 3.

Sale 55 Fylde 13

Sale: Tries: Yates 3, Mallinder 2, Appleson, Fowler, Saverimutto, Stocks. Cons: Turner 5. Fylde: Try: Anderton. Con: Parker. Pens: Parker 2.

Waterloo 13 Wasps 54

Waterloo: Try: Bibby. Con: Swindells. Pens: Swindells 2. Wasps: Tries: Dallaglio, Dunston, D Hopley, P Hopley, Kinsey, Popplewell, Ufton, Wilkins. Cons: Andrew 7.

PILKINGTON SHIELD: Sixth round: Midlands and North: Bromyard 0 North Shields 11; Rushden and Higham 8 Buckingham 0. Postponed: Wallasey v Bedford Queens, Wibsey v Huddersfield YMCA. South West and London: Tredworth 5 Wisbech 0; Kingsbridge 23 Ventnor 3; St Albans 15 Whitstable 5; Ilford Wanderers 16 Beaconsfield 11.

Swalec Cup

Fifth round

Builth Wells 10 Bonymaen 0

Builth Wells: Tries: Lewis, Parry.

Dunvant 28 Tonyrefail 7

Dunvant: Tries: Niblo 2, Bowden, M Davies. Con: Thomas. Pens: Evans, Thomas. Tonyrefail: Try: S Thomas. Con: M Thomas.

Glynneath 0 Llanelli 27

Llanelli: Tries: C Quinnell 2, Boobyer, Moon. Cons: Stephens 2. Pens: Stephens.

Morriston 13 Neath 40

Morriston: Try: Davies. Con: Roden. Pen: Roden. Dropped goal: Roden. Neath: Tries: D Llewellyn 2, Boobyer, McCarthy, Thomas, Woodland. Cons: McCarthy 4, Bird.

Nelson 0 Newbridge 20

Newbridge: Tries: Lucas 2, Withers. Con: Withers. Pen: Withers.

Penygraig 13 Rhyl 10

Penygraig: Tries: Hendy, Williams. Pen: Dunne. Rhyl: Tries: Lloyd, Morris.

Pontypridd 69 Pontypool 12

Pontypridd: Tries: Jenkins 2, Robbins 2, P John, G Jones, S Lewis, J Lewis, Manley, Spiller. Cons: Jenkins 8. Pen: Jenkins. Pontypool: Tries: M Taylor, White. Con: Williams.

Pyle 7 Cardiff 36

Pyle: Try: Davies. Con: Gardner. Cardiff: Tries: Ford 4, Davies, Williams. Cons: Davies 3.

Swansea 58 Abercynon 24

Swansea: Tries: Weatherley 2, Clement, Stuart Davies, Simon Davies, Jenkins, McIntosh, penalty try, Reynolds, A Williams. Cons: A Williams 4. Abercynon: Tries: Davies, Jones, Kaepings, Reardon. Cons: Savage 2.

Tondu 5 Cardiff Inst 22

Tondu: Try: Matthews. Cardiff Institute: Tries: Edwards, Ferris, penalty try, Thomas. Con: Savastano.

Ystrad Rhondda 0 Bridgend 39

Bridgend: Tries: M Lewis 2, Howley, Walsh, Wilkins, Williams. Cons: M Lewis 3. Pen: M Lewis.

Postponed: Ebbw Vale v Old Illtydians; Seven Sisters v Blackwood; South Wales Police v Old Penarthians; Tenby United v Aberavon; Whitland v Mountain Ash.

Heineken League

Second division

Llanharan 18 Llandovery 11

Llanharan: Tries: Barbillon, Morris. Con: Morris. Pens: Morris 2. Llandovery: Try: C Williams. Pens: Richards 2.

Postponed: Currie v West of Scotland, Hawick v Gala; Jed-Forest v Dundee HSFP, Melrose v Heriot's FP; Stirling County v Glasgow High Kelvinside.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberavon	14	12	0	2	329	126	24
Abercynon	14	10	0	4	350	180	20
Ebbw Vale	14	9	1	4	252	194	19
Bonymaen	13	8	1	4	208	163	17
Tenby Utd	14	8	0	6	203	237	16
S Wales Police	13	7	1	5	249	218	15
Cross Keys	13	6	0	7	185	214	12
Llandovery	14	5	0	9	177	244	10
Maesteg	13	4	1	8	202	231	9
Llanharan	13	4	0	9	207	216	8
Narberth	15	3	2	10	200	296	8
Penarth	14	3	0	11	169	312	6

THIRD DIVISION: Postponed: Caerphilly v Tredegar.

McEwan's League

First division

Edinburgh Ac 30 Stewarts Mel 0

Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Haslett, Hay-Smith, McIvor. Pens: Hay-Smith 4. Dropped goal: Burns

Watsonians 9 Boroughmuir 26

Watsonians: Pens: G Hastings 3. Boroughmuir: Tries: Stark 2, Tukalo. Con: Easson. Pens: Easson 2. Dropped goal: Easson.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling Co	9	8	0	1	168	116	16
Boroughmuir	10	7	0	3	290	186	14
Watsonians	10	7	0	3	242	179	14
Heriot's FP	9	6	0	3	148	112	12
Melrose	9	5	0	4	216	175	10
Glasgow HK	9	5	0	4	154	119	10
Edinburgh Ac	10	4	2	4	154	123	10
Hawick	9	5	0	4	141	145	10
Gala	9	4	1	4	142	194	9
W of Scotland	9	4	0	5	130	166	8
Dundee HSFP	9	3	1	5	133	168	7
Jed-Forest	9	3	0	6	127	176	6
Currie	9	1	0	8	114	194	2
Stewarts Mel	10	1	0	9	128	234	2

Second division

Biggar 8 Musselburgh 6

Biggar: Try: Jack. Pen: Lavery. Musselburgh: Pens: C Livingstone 2.

Wigtownshire 15 Kelso 37

Wigtownshire: Tries: A Drysdale, Jessop. Con: Gibson. Pen: Gibson. Kelso: Tries: Millar, Tait, Thomson. Cons: Aitchison 2. Pens: Aitchison 6.

Postponed: Edinburgh Wanderers v Haddington; Glasgow Academicals v Kirkcaldy; Grangemouth v Gordonians; Preston Lodge v Peebles; Selkirk v Corstorphine.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kelso	10	9	0	1	251	124	18
Selkirk	9	6	2	1	217	137	14
Preston Lodge	9	6	1	2	198	140	13
Biggar	10	6	1	3	150	146	13
Kirkcaldy	9	5	1	3	197	166	11
Musselburgh	10	4	1	5	143	144	9
Grangemouth	9	4	0	5	159	184	8
Edinburgh W	9	4	0	5	157	187	8
Peebles	9	4	0	5	134	164	8
Glasgow Acads	9	3	0	6	159	177	6
Corstorphine	9	3	0	6	106	128	6
Wigtownshire	10	3	0	7	137	190	6
Gordonians	9	3	0	6	108	185	6
Haddington	9	2	0	7	142	186	4

CIS County Championship

Quarter-final

Berkshire 25 Kent 12

Berkshire: Tries: Dance, Dangerfield, Jones. Cons: Smith 2. Pens: Smith 2. Kent: Tries: Griffiths, Walton. Con: Thresher.

CLUB MATCHES: Barking 41 Ealing 26; Bedford 9 Nottingham 10; Blackheath 38 Cambridge University 8; Broughton Park 14 Stoke 17; Camborne 29 Penryn 13; Coventry 25 Harrogate 9; Cross Keys 12 Bedwas 21; High Wycombe 35 Guildford and Godalming 5; Lichfield 39 Sutton Coldfield 3; Liverpool St Helens 25 Bradford and Bingley 3; London Welsh 23 Havant 10; Preston Grasshoppers 13 Widnes 8; Rugby 17 Treorchy 27; Stourbridge 26 Burton 15. Cancelled: Askeans v West London Institute; Basingstoke v Clifton; Berry Hill v Brixham; Hereford v Leamington; Hull Ionians v Morley; Leeds v West Hartlepool; Newport v Moseley; Otley v Newcastle Gosforth; Penarth v Rumney; Plymouth v Nuneaton; Rosslyn Park v Walsall; Sheffield v Rotherham; Sudbury v Norwich; Maesteg v Glamorgan Wanderers.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

FA Cup
Fourth round
Sheff Wed v Wolverhampton (Sky 8.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
Third division
Darlington v Gillingham

Tennents Scottish Cup
Third round
Stirling v Airdrie

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde v Knowsley

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet v Hayes

DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Carshalton Ath v Dulwich Hamlet

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Swindon (at The Valley, 7.45); Millwall v Bristol Rovers (2.00); Portsmouth v Bristol City (7.00). League Cup: Exeter v Yeovil (7.00)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Derby (at Wigan FC 7.0). Second division: Manchester City v Birmingham (6.45); Mansfield v Bradford (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Everton v Sheffield Utd; Aston Villa v Colchester

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Fourth round replays: Diss v Cassell Albion; Eastwood v Stocksbridge

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Newbury v Rothwell (7.45); Molesey v Cheltenham (7.45); VS Rugby v Aylesbury; Hednesford v Altrincham (7.45); Billingham v Ashton United. First round replays: Blyth Spartans v Colwyn Bay (7.45); Marlow v Welling (7.45); Bath v Sutton United (7.45); Kettering v Walton and Hersham (7.45); Halesowen v Gretna (7.45). Postponed: Guiseley v Witton.

BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round replay: Coleraine v Glentoran; Ballymena v Omagh; Moyola Park v Brantwood.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-19: Weald College, Middlesex v Hampton, Surrey (2.0). Under-16: Millfield, Somerset v St Mary's Redcliffe, Avon (2.0)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Southwell (AW, 2.0)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Chester v Wycombe. Third division: Doncaster v Exeter; Hereford v Hartlepool

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section, quarter-final: Wigan v Crewe. Semi-final: Bury v Rochdale. Southern section: Semi-finals: Birmingham v Swansea (7.45); Leyton Orient v Shrewsbury (7.45)

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: East Stirling v Montrose

TENNANTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Falkirk v Motherwell

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Runcorn v Gateshead (7.45); Stafford v Southport (7.45); Telford v Altrincham (7.45).

BOB LORD TROPHY: Quarter-final replay: Bromsgrove v Stalybridge (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys v Blaina (7.0); Northampton v Loughborough Students (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SPORTS UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain Academy v France Academy (at Wakefield, 7.30).

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Third round: Dewsbury v Wells (7.30)

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradford v Featherstone (7.45); Doncaster v Oldham (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Edinburgh (1.20); Nottingham (1.30); Lingfield Park (AW, 1.40)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: First Leg: *Arsenal v AC Milan (8.0)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn v Leeds (7.45); Newcastle v Everton (7.45); Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea (8.0)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Swindon v Bristol City (7.45); West Bromwich Albion v Watford (7.45).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Partick v Dundee United

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Army v Surrey (at London Irish, 7.30); Royal Navy v Civil Service (at U S Portsmouth, 2.0).

CLUB MATCH: Oxford v Oxford University (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Wales v England (at Ninian Park, Cardiff, Sky 7.30)

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Keighley v Leigh (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Hemel v Worthing (8.0); Leicester v Manchester (8.0).

RACING: Leicester (1.50); Windsor (1.30); Wolverhampton (AW, 2.10).

THURSDAY

RACING: Sedgefield (1.40); Towcester (1.20); Lingfield Park (AW, 2.00).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: East Stirling v Albion (8.0)

RUGBY UNION

A INTERNATIONALS: England v France (at Leicester, 7.15); Scotland v Ireland (at Myreside, Edinburgh, 2.30)

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland v Ireland (at Myreside, Edinburgh, 1.0).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England Students v France Students (at Blackheath, 7.15)

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v Askeans (7.30); Coventry v Leicester (7.15); Exeter v Torquay Athletic (7.0); Newbridge v Bath (7.15); Northampton v Moseley (7.30); Rosslyn Park v London Scottish (7.30); Sale v Broughton Park (7.15); Weston-super-Mare v Plymouth (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leeds v Widnes (Sky 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: AAA Indoor championships (Birmingham)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Doncaster v Sheffield (8.0); Thames Valley v Birmingham (8.0).

RACING: Kelso (1.30); Lingfield Park (1.50); Southwell (AW, 2.10).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry v Chelsea; Everton v Norwich; Ipswich v Crystal Palace; Leicester v West Ham; Manchester United v Aston Villa; *Nottingham Forest v Liverpool; *Queens Park Rangers v Newcastle; Sheffield Wednesday v Arsenal; Southampton v Manchester City; Wimbledon v Leeds

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Wolverhampton; Bristol City v Barnsley; Burnley v Swindon; Derby v Sheffield Utd; Luton v Oldham; Middlesbrough v Reading; Millwall v Grimsby; Southend v Watford; Stoke v Portsmouth; Sunderland v Port Vale; Tranmere v Notts County. Second division: Birmingham v Stockport; Bradford v Shrewsbury; Brighton v Brentford; Cambridge Utd v Crewe; Chester v Rotherham; Huddersfield v Bristol Rovers; Hull v Cardiff; Leyton Orient v Peterborough; Oxford Utd v Bournemouth; Plymouth v York; Swansea v Wrexham; Wycombe v Blackpool. Third division: Barnet v Darlington; Doncaster v Carlisle; Fulham v Bury; Gillingham v Lincoln; Hereford v Northampton; Preston v Chesterfield; Rochdale v Hartlepool; Scarborough v Exeter; Scunthorpe v Colchester; Walsall v Mansfield; Wigan v Torquay.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Kettering; Dagenham and Red v Altrincham; Farnborough v Stafford; Halifax v Woking; Kidderminster v Yeovil; Macclesfield v Telford; Merthyr v Stalybridge; Northwich v Bromsgrove; Runcorn v Dover; Stevenage v Southport.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Falkirk v Hearts; Hibernian v Partick; Kilmarnock v Aberdeen; Motherwell v Celtic; Rangers v Dundee Utd. First division: Clydebank v St Johnstone; Dundee v Dunfermline; Hamilton v St Mirren; Raith v Ayr. Stranraer v Airdrie. Second division: Berwick v Dumbarton; East Fife v Clyde; Greenock Morton v Brechin; Meadowbank v Queen Of South; Stenhousemuir v Stirling. Third division: Alloa v Arbroath; Caley Thistle v Forfar; Montrose v Ross County; Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath.

RUGBY UNION

FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP: England v France (BBC1 Twickenham, 2.30); Scotland v Ireland (BBC1 Murrayfield, 2.30).

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Abertillery; Llanelli v Cardiff; Neath v Newbridge; Pontypridd v Newport; Swansea v Dunvant; Treorchy v Pontypool.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: AAA Indoor championships (Birmingham).

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Leicester (8.0); Hemel v Thames Valley (7.30); Sunderland v Chester (7.30); Worthing v London (8.0)

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship: Steve Robinson (holder, GB) v Domingo Damigella (Arg) (Cardiff Ice Rink).

RACING: Chepstow (BBC, 1.0); Sandown Park (C4, 1.20); Wetherby (1.10); Lingfield Park (AW, 1.50); Wolverhampton (AW, 7.0).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tottenham Hotspur v Blackburn Rovers (Sky 4.0)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich Albion v Charlton Athletic (ITV 2.55)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Featherstone Rovers v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); Halifax v Salford (3.0); Oldham v Hull (3.0); Sheffield v St Helens (3.15); Warrington v Doncaster (3.0); Wigan v Castleford (3.0); Workington Town v Bradford Northern (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester v Sheffield (6.0); Doncaster v Derby (5.30)

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley)

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In the heartlands of football, **Jennai Cox** witnesses the search for future British tennis talent

The ball's in the youngsters' court

Merseyside: Soccer territory in season. Not a football in sight. Most Liverpudlians focus their attention on the match at Anfield this time of year. But not so far away at The Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre a few people decided it was the right time and place to search for the country's next Wimbledon champion. No British tennis player has won the tournament since Virginia Wade in 1977.

Behind closed club doors is where most tennis retires once the Wimbledon enthusiasm has evaporated. The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) estimates that almost half the country's 4.5 million tennis players disappear with the summer. "Love Tennis" was launched over the two weekends following the tournament last year and succeeded in prolonging the post-Wimbledon interest in the game. Free tennis for all age-groups of all abilities attracted 15,000 people to the courts.

The LTA, trying to stretch that interest further with a project it hopes to expand nationwide, chose The Wirral for its first winter tennis talent hunt.

Five hundred children aged between five and 12 competed for one of the 25 places in the final. Most entrants had never picked up a racket and finalists were selected for potential rather than ability. There were no nerves. Like the professionals that the organisers hope they will aspire to be, once the racket was swinging and balls bouncing, inhibitions disappeared. Concentration and vigour was devoted to the sport. An attentive audience of parents, coaches, judges and organisers ceased to exist.

Not a single set was played. Following a warm-up of running, jumping and galloping around the courts, the children were split into three age-groups. LTA tennis development officers took them through a series of potential-assessing activities: lying flat on the ground and getting back on their feet again while keeping a tennis ball bouncing with their rackets, throwing the ball in the air and clapping at least ten times before catching and running to hit a served ball then skirting the net to collect it again.

From this performance was judged their natural ability, hand and eye coordination, balance, movement precision, attitude and reaction times.

David Buzzard, a tennis coach at the Liverpool LTA indoor centre, said: "Aptitude for the game is important, but we are also looking for the children's responses to what is going on around them. There is more to tennis than hitting the ball over the net. The racket can come later."

Pamela Tomlinson, 10, catching her breath before the ball-bashing session, said: "I've been excited up to and all of today." Though it is

often easy to interest a child in a sport, holding on to the initial novelty is not so simple. The mother of Iwan Pritchard, 10, admitted that though her son was showing all the signs of a budding pro as he whacked the balls ferociously over the net, she was not sure how long it would last. But tennis coaches, parents and children alike gave the same answer when asked why they play: enjoyment and fun.

Mark Hamilton, primary judge of the talent hunt, thinks that one of the many attractions of tennis is its completeness. "You can play as an individual or as part of a team, against or in partnership with the opposite sex," he said. "Tennis is exciting and rewarding and it's about being in control."

If anyone drops out of any of Hamilton's classes, he phones them to find out why. "It's very rarely anything to do with the game," he said. Matches, games and competitions are held the year round, so most learners keep coming back. All this, of course, is a far cry from Wimbledon, but holding this event so far away in time and place from the home of tennis was deliberate. The coaches at the centres want to try to move away from traditional tennis associations of clean white clothes and green grass courts. Hamilton said: "The present image of tennis is staid and highly related to the Wimbledon stereotype of the game. We are trying to get away from that."

Getting people used to the idea of indoor tennis is one of the first steps in encouraging them to pick up a racket. Then there is the task of making it cheap and informal. At the LTA centres, there is no pressure about what to wear, no membership fee and rackets and balls are supplied. Courts with a supervisory coach available on an hourly pay-and-play basis can cost as little as £1.50 a person.

"The centres are trying to do the opposite of what most private clubs do," said Hamilton. All the competition tennis hopefuls wore multi-coloured shorts and T-shirts.

With the recent multi-million pound windfalls from television fees and ticket sales for Wimbledon the LTA has been able to fulfil a long-held ambition of making tennis more accessible to the public.

More than 30 indoor centres have been built since the late 1980s, and 12 more are planned over the next five years. Plans are being made already to build on the success of the talent hunt, during which about 120 children signed for tennis courses.

Chris Boardman, the British Olympic cyclist, who helped to present the awards warned parents of the subtle difference between pushing and encouragement. But the game and its players in Britain need all the pushing they can get.

Boardman also told the finalists, all proudly clutching the new rackets they had won, that if they did not enjoy the game they should not be playing. There was no shortage of enjoyment at this tournament. Because to these potential champs, tennis is still a game.

● *For details of courts and coaching in your area, phone the Lawn Tennis Association (0171-381 7071).*

MARC ASPLAND

Future ace? A young player at The Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre — all part of the mission to find a tennis star of tomorrow

Shuker win gives great boost to supporters

By Richard Eaton

MATTHEW SHUKER'S supporters believe his capture of the English Schools under-16 badminton title at Coventry yesterday may be a step towards his ambition of competing in the 2000 Olympics.

The evidence of the Hampshire player's 9-15, 15-11, 15-10 victory over Andrew South, of Nottingham, suggests that they are right — in which case, Shuker could help raise his sport into greater prominence. Only 50 people or so watched him recover from 2-10 to beat South in an absorbing contest — yet this country has more players than anywhere else in the world — an estimated four million.

Badminton is televised in 50 countries across Asia and the Middle East and the variety provided by a contrast of styles, even in a schoolboy final at a rain-swept provincial venue, illustrated this.

Badminton in Britain is a sleeping giant ready for awakening. "We have plans to develop our circuit and want to work with the Badminton Association of England," Eric Brown, the chairman of the English Schools Association, said. "But there are still some dinosaurs around making it difficult for us."

Shuker, nevertheless, believes his future is bright. He is fitting his studies at Lord Wandsworth School in Fleet around his ambition to become a professional player, and will order his priorities this way even if he achieves a place at Oxford University.

Planning carefully was equally important for Alison Reed, 15, from Wilmershe Comprehensive School in Berkshire, who unexpectedly played her way to three finals — and won all of them. She looked capable of emulating the achievement of her father and coach, Bob, who played five times at the All England championships.

"There is no sport that is going to develop your maturity better than badminton," he said. "You can't spend all day at a badminton court without being organised."

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John Goodbody visits a school that promotes the personal touch

Millfield enjoys enviable reputation

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

MILLFIELD has aroused both suspicion and jealousy since it was founded in Somerset 60 years ago. Other schools have considered it to be just a bit too good at sport, with its pupils just a bit too keen on the pursuit of success.

Particularly galling for some competitors has been the way that Millfield has achieved an extraordinary range of both team and individual excellence while, simultaneously, improving its academic record. Millfield is not a sports factory. Last year, out of the 209 school leavers, 159 went on to British, and a further five to American, universities. Twenty-two pupils won places at either Oxford or Cambridge.

One significant reason why Millfield has enjoyed such success is its low staff-to-pupil ratio — two members of staff to every 15 pupils — and a concentration on the personal development of each individual. This is reflected in the school's attitude to sport. As Christopher Martin, the headmaster, put it: "To tell a boy that he is an individual but that he has to play rugby union all his life does not help."

Ever since "Boss" Meyer founded the school in 1935, with seven Indian immigrants, the emphasis has been on nurturing the talents of particular boys and girls on the roll of 1,250 pupils. Fees are means-tested, but sports bursaries are not offered. Awards are given, but on both academic and other potential.

Duncan Goodhew, the 1980 Olympic 100-metres breaststroke champion, is a typical former pupil. He went to Millfield aged 14, struggling academically because nobody had spotted that he was dyslexic and so disturbed that he had lost his hair. At the interview, Meyer spotted that the young Goodhew might indeed be dyslexic, and he was given special attention.

Goodhew said: "Millfield helped me put my life together. There was a personal touch, both academically and in sport."

Of course, his swimming was encouraged. He entered the school as a county competitor and, within a year of leaving, he was in the Olympic final. The experience that the school gave provided the impetus and confidence for the rest of his life.

What was striking at Millfield last Saturday, despite the cancellation of many fixtures because of the weather, were both the number of activities taking place and the quality of the performers.

Seven inter-school football matches could not be played. This is a sport in which Chris Pendrick has just been picked for the England under-18 schools' squad. He is the only member not already attached to a professional club.

Three games of rugby union were also cancelled. Last season, Millfield won all of its fixtures with the exception of an 18-6 defeat by Durban High School, the world champions from South Africa.

Hockey, however, went ahead last weekend on the artificial pitch and the Millfield boys' first team, with six members of the West of England schools' squad, defeated Downside 6-0. Five old boys have represented Britain at hockey in recent years.

Millfield are the national under-15 boys tennis champions and, last Saturday, the school was playing the Somerset under-18 team on three courts that will shortly be covered. The swimming squad was training in a pool that will be superceded by the completion, in July, of a 50-metre Olympic-sized pool — only the eighth to be built in Britain and the first at any school. The facility was originally to be 25 metres long, but an anonymous parent, whose children do not swim, offered to pay for the remaining distance. It was, Martin said, "the best 7am phone call I have ever had in my life".

The fencing team, including Glen Golding — who competed at the 1994 world junior championships — was warming up for the Great Britain youth foil championships, which were held in London yesterday, while three other pupils were at the men's epée championships.

Three Millfield netball teams were away at the South West Schools championship and two girls were travelling to Birmingham for the national indoor athletics championship. Two leading runners, Dorothea Lee, the national schools under-17 800 metres champion, and Andrew Hennessey, a junior cross country international, both of whom are going to Oxford next year, were out training.

Squash, judo, karate, archery and football were all taking place in a welter of indoor activity, while, in the weight-training room, Ben McCorkill, a member of the England under-17 cricket team, was preparing for the forthcoming season. "It is the atmosphere of the school; I would not do as much if I were not here," he said.

Every pupil participates in sport at least three afternoons a week, with juniors having additional physical education lessons. Bev Dovey, master in charge of sport, said: "Although they do start with team games, some pupils do not like them or prefer an individual sport. We try to find a niche for all of them among the 40 activities we offer."

ROLL OF HONOUR

Some of Millfield's outstanding former pupils:
RUGBY UNION: Gareth Edwards, J P R Williams, Chris Oti.
CRICKET: Peter Roebuck, David Graveney.
ATHLETICS: Mary Rand, Kirsty Wade.
TENNIS: Mark Cox, Andrew Jarrett, Andrew Castle.
SWIMMING: Duncan Goodhew, Mark Foster, Suzanna Brownsdon, Paul Howe, Helen Bawley.
MODERN PENTATHALON: Dominic Mahony.

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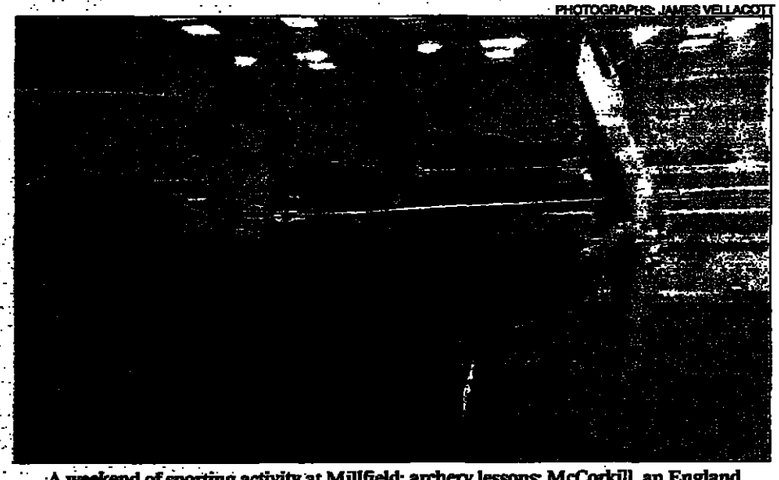

A weekend of sporting activity at Millfield: archery lessons; McCorkill, an England under-17 cricketer, weight training; and the hockey team (blue and red) in full flow

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Bargains among my souvenirs

I saw, in the paper which the man in the row in front of me was reading on the aeroplane, that the estate of a Birmingham dentist had received £290,000 for the sale of his cricketing memorabilia. And I felt sick.

Only partly did I feel sick because I was flying Air India instead of Virgin, which is so much more uplifting.

I felt sick because it had never occurred to me that memorabilia is a valuable asset rather than something to which one clings while Lady F wishes to find room for pictures of grandchildren, the microwave and what she has bought at the new year sales.

What surprised me most about the cricket auction was that people out there are prepared to buy stuff which does not have a story to go with it.

I have a programme from a Wembley fight: UK British heavyweight championship, Billy Walker v Jack Gardner ... what one would now have to explain as being a contest between the brother of financier George Walker and a fairly talented, pugilistic market gardener from Market Harborough.

What makes my programme special, and my wife so keen to get it out of the house, is the blood which encrusts it; which has congealed to the point of cementing the 16-page song sheet into a solid rectangle.

It is Walker's blood; that of a brave fighter who led with his chin, hoping to do terrible damage to the fists of those that hit it. I imagine that "a bloody fight card — 1963" would realise only a fraction of the boodle it might fetch accompanied by the stub of my ringside seat, a description of the circumstances and a certificate of authenticity from a pathological laboratory.

There is a two-minute film of me, interviewed on Brazilian television in 1971. I had sailed as ship's cook for Robin Knox-Johnston's *Ocean Spirit* on the first Cape Town to Rio race in which we won line honours and were feted by the local media.

"Who is the chef?" they asked, meaning who is in control. I was brought forth and taken to the studios.

"What did you do when met by force seven winds approaching St Helena?" Lamb and caper sauce, I explained, with new potatoes boiled in sea water.

I got the large inscribed bronze medallion for launching a passenger ferry in Yokohama; the *Financial Times* had asked me to describe the ceremony. On the lookout for the officiating Swedish ambassador, and paranoiac about punctuality, the Japanese saw me arrive on the stroke of 3pm. They bowed, led me to a pier, handed me a bottle of champagne, applauded as it hit the bows and took me to a stage from which we all made speeches — mine being particularly applauded by His Excellency from Stockholm whose car had been held up in a traffic jam.

I have a framed train ticket: Mexico City to Leon with three counter-signatures for my expenses claim. On the way to reporting the England quarter-final match against Germany in the 1970 World Cup, the train's sleeping accommodation had been block-booked by the enterprising chapter of prostitutes ... and the only way to get an hour on your back was to pay the inflated asking price.

There is much more to my collection, but it still leaves it in excess of £280,000 short of the Birmingham dentist's.

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Afterthoughts

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A head taking an independent view

For some 700 years Abingdon has confounded its foes. **John O'Leary** introduces a special report on a *school with a history of success*

The school's oarsmen on the Thames: Julia Simpson, their coach, regards rowing as the ultimate team sport. "They *must* work together and pull one another along," she says

Abingdon School believes it has found the perfect model for *independent* education in the transition to a new century: the atmosphere of a top boarding school without the costs, and healthy competition for day places to ensure high academic standards and a good social mix.

Michael St John Parker, the headmaster, makes no secret of his belief that the prime *responsibility* of the independent sector is to help to educate an academic élite, who will be crucial to future national prosperity. But social divisiveness is not part of the agenda at a school which only reluctantly gave up its foothold in the state system.

> 'We can be reasonably sure of surviving Tony Blair'

Abingdon was a direct-grant school until Labour *abolished the system in 1976.* Almost 20 years later, about a quarter of the 760 boys benefit from the Assisted Places Scheme or the school's own bursary programme, but this level of support is once more under threat.

With at least two applicants for every place, the school could draw back and rely on a *more narrow pool of recruits if* a new Labour government scraps assisted places. But Mr St John Parker and his staff are determined not to do so. "Social exclusiveness would be so damaging to our essential purpose that we are prepared to consider slightly different circumstances as long as high quality is maintained."

In a 700-year history, Abingdon has faced much greater challenges. Mr St John Parker says: "If we have seen off Henry VIII, we can be reasonably sure of surviving Tony Blair, and I say that without hubris."

The school, six miles south of Oxford, has never been cushioned by the sort of endowments enjoyed by other ancient foundations. In previous centuries it has been close to *folding, and* frittered away its one real money-spinner when the site of the present headquarters of Barclays Bank was sold for £9,300 in 1866.

That has not stopped Abingdon carrying out a re*markable building* programme over the last two decades, however. With substantial help from the Mercers' Company, which has been the school's main benefactor for many years, the premises have been updated and expanded. The latest new building houses a high-quality information technology and study room for sixth-formers that helped to prevent a single boy leaving after last year's GCSE examinations.

Mr St John Parker says: "We are now in a better position than at any time in my 20 years as head. The quality of the place is indicated by good results across the board, but that certainly is not all we have to offer.

"A lot of headmastering is about composing a school so that the people within it have a common purpose. I feel we have been getting there recently."

There is no doubting the quality of the results. Abingdon has not been one of the traditional high-flyers of the independent system, but it was among the top 25 schools at A level last summer. Every member of the upper-sixth went to university. Almost a quarter went to Oxbridge.

The sciences are particularly strong. Half of last year's upper-sixth took A-level chemistry, 35 of the 52 candidates coming out with A grades. A number of the pupils have parents from the several leading scientific establishments, as well as the two universities around Oxford.

However, the school also has a strong tradition in classics, and two-thirds of the boys take music. It is still broadening the range of subjects on offer, partly through a closer association with the nearby St Helen and St Katharine girls' school, with which there is joint teaching in some languages, politics and history of art. Other subjects are being explored, and regular cultural and social events are organised between the two schools.

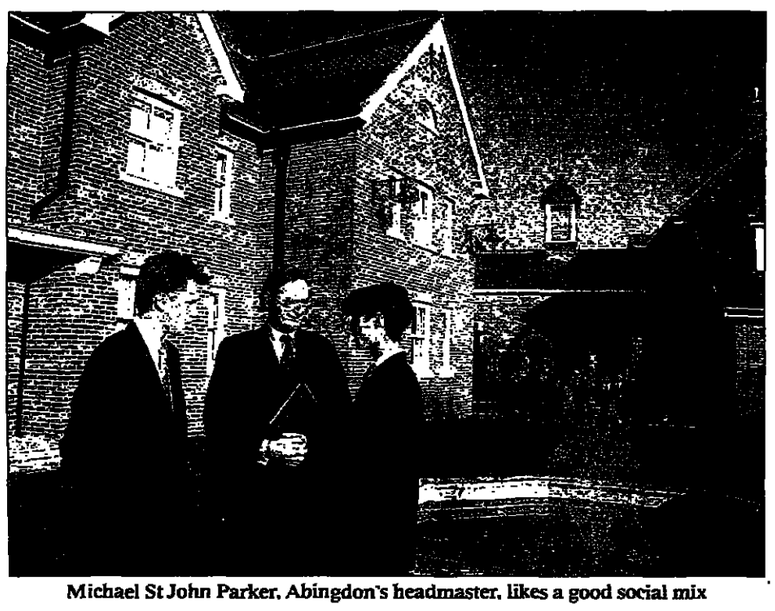
Abingdon has resisted the temptation to follow other traditional boys' schools into coeducation, preferring to pursue closer links with its neighbour. The eventual result could be a joint foundation, *but not a merger.* "*I do believe* that the academic achievement of the boys is enhanced by our single-sex status," says Mr St John Parker.

The headmaster is equally enthusiastic about the core of 130 boarders, which has held up well and is likely to increase marginally in the next year. About a quarter of them now come from overseas, but the numbers are limited, again in the interests of creating a viable community.

Much of the school's selection policy is directed to this end. Preparatory school candidates are often seen well ahead of entrance at 11 or 13 and counselled about their prospects, while even outstanding applicants are discouraged from travelling more than 20 miles to school each day, as many would. Competition among independent schools in the area is intense, but parents are attracted by the easygoing atmosphere and the splendour of the 37-acre site, as well as by Abingdon's academic credentials.

Arthur Hearnden, the general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council, a local resident who has been a governor for seven years, says: "I think the school has got everything going for it. Its position, its breadth and the quality it has built up make it a model of its type."

Mr St John Parker is clear about the direction the school *will take, regardless of which* party is in government. "I do not see that independent schools can justify themselves as mere appendages of the state system. They must be different, and we are."



Michael St John Parker, Abingdon's headmaster, likes a good social mix

Ros Drinkwater on Abingdon's sporting achievements

Play up, play up and play all the games

Julia Simpson describes *herself as* "a rowing classicist". At Abingdon School she has found the ideal job, one that combines teaching Latin and Greek as well as coaching the rowing squad. "It's great to work in a school with a good sporting reputation," she says. "There's a very enthusiastic element here: the rowers are out on the Thames every day in all weathers."

Ms Simpson sees rowing as the ultimate team sport. "It keeps you fit and fosters the team spirit. They *must* work together and pull one another along. Above all, it teaches them how great their inner reserves of strength can be."

Abingdon School, the third oldest rowing school in Britain after *Eton and Westminster*, has rowed for 150 years and is one of the few independent schools to offer the specialist sport. Recent successes include gold medals in the National Championships and selections for national and international crews. Old Abingdonians have coxed for Cambridge in the Boat Race and the England Eight which won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Regatta.

Abingdon has strong fixture lists in the major field games of rugby football, cricket and hockey. All boys begin by playing team games at least twice a week. There are 16 rugby teams. Last year Abingdon reached the fourth round (the last 16 in the country) of the *Daily Mail* Cup; the senior squad spent three weeks touring Australia; and the cricketers won 14 out of 21 games.

Under-16s and under-18s regularly represent Oxford County in rugby, hockey and cricket. In addition Abingdon competes against other schools in tennis, cross-country running, athletics, badminton, golf, shooting, rugby fives, table tennis, basketball and volleyball.

Other sporting activities include fencing, swimming and sailing. Orienteering is popular and evry year teams compete in the Ten Tors long-distance walk on Dartmoor.

> The boys who are most active in sport also do well academically because it teaches discipline and organisation

Ms Simpson regards non-academic interests as vital. "They are a way of letting off steam: they keep you sane. You find that the boys who are most active in sport also do well academically because sport teaches discipline and organisation — time is so limited that a boy learns to get himself sorted out."

Andrew Broadbent is director of sport and also teaches mathematics. "In the five years that I've been here, the common room has become a lot younger and that's good for sport. Two-thirds of staff coach one game or another," he says. "Last year the head set a splendid example by running the London Marathon to raise funds for the new £2 million Mercers' Court building. The boys were really impressed both with his commitment and the fact that he finished in excellent time.

"Our biggest problem is space, and there is tremendous pressure on pitches. The aim is to include more group sport in the *timetable as this is the* most effective way to use our resources."

Abingdon boys are resigned to defeat at least once a year in the annual lacrosse fixture against the local St Helen and St Katharine girls' schools. Cross-dressing is *de rigueur* and the girls almost always win.

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The school offers a broad curriculum of studies and events

Flexible approach passes the test

At Abingdon School, it is rare for pupils not to take the subjects of their choice at both GCSE and A levels, *writes David Tytler*. Another factor in the school's success is the wide range of other activities that balance the *pressures of the classroom*.

Michael St John Parker, the headmaster, says: "Many prospective parents are drawn to Abingdon by its academic reputation. They are looking for a school where reliable teaching produces consistently good examination results and offers a strong probability of entry to higher education. But once they visit they realise the school embraces far more than class teaching and examinations. Intelligent boys are especially well placed to take advantage of breadth as well as intensity, in the range of experience offered to them. We deliberately run a broad curriculum.

"We take these very able boys, we work them as hard as we can but we also try to insist — with reasonable success — that they should be engaged in a variety of activities such as music, drama, games, voluntary activities and societies."

The man who has to make the system work is Tim King, senior *master (studies), who says: "The* school has always stood for academic breadth and though ten is the normal number of GCSEs, boys can take subjects early so they can end up with many more. We try to produce a flexible timetable; very rarely do I have to say they cannot do the combination of subjects they want."

Perhaps the most striking example is in the third form, which has an influx of boys from preparatory schools who have been taught classics to a high level. They are able to take Latin or Greek GCSE in their first year, in a special set of lessons that allow them to take other two optional subjects.

Dr King says: "It stretches them when they first come in and gives them something for which they can aim. Two years ago, we had 21 boys taking French GCSE in Year 9 — two got Bs, the rest got As — so they were able to start their A-level course in Year 10."

Most boys are expected to continue into the sixth form, where they study three or four A levels *chosen from more than 20 subjects*, in almost any combination. About 95 per cent of pupils enter higher education — last year 25 went to either Oxford or Cambridge. Courses include business studies, economics, politics, history of art, theatre studies, religious studies, Greek, Russian. About seven AS levels are also available.

With a flexible timetable, boys at Abingdon often take their GCSEs early. Ten is the normal number, but they often take more

The schoolboys who have Oxford taped

David Tytler on a scheme that encourages pupils to set up their own companies, with the help of information technology

Tourists in Oxford listening to their personal stereos as they move about the city, occasionally consulting their maps, are as likely to be listening to a schoolboy guide to the city as to the latest pop hit. The taped tours were produced by pupils in the information technology suite at Abingdon School as part of their involvement in Young Enterprise, a national scheme *that encourages pupils to* set up their own companies, design a product and then *market it.*

Young Enterprise is just one of a wide range of the projects and subjects that benefit from IT at Abingdon, where one of the main aims is to ensure that IT is used in the whole of the curriculum.

David Haynes, the head of IT for the past five years, says: "When the boys come in, we teach them about technology systems and how they work, and how they are implemented in the school and in the wider world. Our emphasis is teaching skills in a wide range of applications, which would include word processing, databases and spreadsheets."

The school has many programs, including some of the *latest professional software for* design work. Mr Haynes says: "We use graphics at two levels, *what one might call painting* and drawing, which allows a pupil to draw a picture perhaps to illustrate a history project or a diagram for a science report. The other level is where we offer some really professional-type illustration and graphics programs, the *sort that are used in the outside world in design studios.*"

Working together, Mr *Haynes and David Hall*, Abingdon's IT technician, designed and installed the new IT system using the latest technology. The system links individual departments with one of two networks, one in a new teaching block, where the IT centre is based.

IT is used throughout the curriculum at Abingdon

One network links all the *departments in the new building*, the other links with the technology centre. Altogether, there are 85 computers, which works out at about nine pupils a machine. The network is being extended to the other buildings, including the library — a strong user of IT, but not yet connected to either of the two networks.

The library has four of the *school's 23 CD-Roms, and* they are in almost constant use. The eight in the IT centre *are accessible throughout the* network so that a pupil anywhere in the school can use the system.

Other departments have their own systems so that pupils can borrow from the central library of discs to use at their own work stations.

Computers are also used by individual departments, for purposes as diverse as work with lathes, biology demonstrations, and musical composition. The modern languages department, apart from its satellite link with France and Germany, exchanges messages with French schools by facsimile *and electronic mail and uses* information-technology facilities to write business letters in French during their GCSE course. All subjects use IT in word processing, along with maps, graphs and scientific drawing, as well as researching information from CD-Roms and other data bases. But IT really comes into its own in modern languages, music and technology, where the professional computer design software is used in GCSE and A-level projects.

The modern languages department has a system in which a computer encourages dialogue by actually speaking to the pupil and requesting responses to what it has said, as well as grammar and vocabulary programs in several languages, including Russian. The word-processing programmes *have the special* characters needed for the languages taught by the school.

The French partner school has been sent a magazine in French produced and edited by desktop publishing, which includes an agony column. Abingdon is also linked to a French information system, which gives access to a range of information, including telephone directories and even the Paris stock exchange.

Matthew Smith, 16, of the lower sixth and studying geography, history and politics hopes to go on to Oxford to read geography, then move to television, with, he hopes, the BBC's Natural History Unit. He spends two-thirds of his eight *study periods a week in the* IT suite, writing and researching essays.

He says: "All the subjects are essay-oriented. Using the computers means that I can reorganise and balance my essays quite easily. I can also use the CD-Roms, which can give information on anything you like. Then I incorporate that information in my work."

Tristan Gurney, 17, takes the lead in a school performance

Striking a note of equality

A letter to the editor of the school magazine, *The Abingdonian*, makes a plea for the further development of the school's own classless education system. This, argues the sixth-form author, is the only way to knock the try-hard, ex-grammar-school image on the head once and for all.

Abingdon has long had a reputation for its promotion of the classless society. It is proud of its record in fostering both the rigorous and the theoretical on the one hand, and the *practical and commercial on* the other. For example, 19th-century pupils studied accounting and commercial management, as well as the usual subjects. Now the aim is to give modern expression to that tradition of mixing and welding.

According to Simon Davies, the biology master, a key element in achieving a balance is the mix of day boys and boarders. He says: "Abingdon has a boarding-school backbone balanced by a large number of pupils who look outward because they go home to their families, which is a very civilising influence. 'All-boarding' can make for introversion while 'all-day' can result in an over-academic atmosphere. In my last school, staff usually worked nine to *four, which would not be pos*sible here because of the extra-curricular work."

Adam Pettit, head of modern languages, agrees. "You'd find it impossible to pigeonhole an Abingdon boy," he says. "They come from such different backgrounds, classes, even education systems.

"I really enjoy teaching the primary school boys. The first thing you notice is how well they get on with adults. Day pupils have the ability to relate to teachers as adults other than authority figures."

The theme of diversity carries through to musical activities, which play a key role in the school's life. More than *half the boys learn a musical* instrument. There are three orchestras, a brass band, two wind bands, flute and clarinet ensembles, a "big band" and a jazz group. This summer, the senior symphony orchestra will tour Eastern Europe.

In the space of one afternoon the school's concert hall echoed to the sound of Duke Ellington's "Night Train" and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, with 17-year-old Tristan Gurney as soloist.

Tristan enrolled at Abingdon four years ago partly to pursue his musical ambitions. He says: "It was extraordinary to join a school where almost everyone is involved in music, *either instrumental or choral.* Some have high ambitions and a real chance to achieve *them; others play for sheer* fun."

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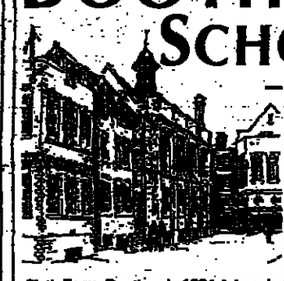

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Sacred cows to the slaughter

Labour MP Tony Wright applauds Tony Blair's stand on schools — but urges the party to go even further

Education will be the passion of my Government... If schools are bad, they should be made good. If teachers can't teach properly, they shouldn't be teaching at all." This part of Tony Blair's speech to last year's Labour conference was an even more significant break with the party's past than anything he said about Clause Four. It is already making waves.

For too long the party was prepared to excuse the inexcusable in education. It seemed content to be the parliamentary wing of the NUT. The evidence that something had been going seriously wrong in many schools, as traditional teaching collapsed, was ignored. I vividly remember being told by one teacher that I should not worry about my son's inability to add up, as he had a "good concept of number". The evidence is now coming through on the failure of many children to emerge from some primary schools with the most basic literacy and numeracy skills. This, combined with the alarming findings on the extent of adult illiteracy among the under-40s, shows the scale of the problem.

Labour has a duty to provide quality public services for those who depend upon them. This means matching the party's traditional concern over the resources going into services with a new concern over what comes out at the other end. In education, this will require the embrace of heresies and the slaughter of sacred cows.

For example, Labour should not be afraid of developing such innovations as the purchaser-provider split (though we may prefer to use the language of "commissioning"). This enables the community to define and contract for services it wants, and to demand quality in delivery.

The absence of this distinction lies at the heart of the ineffectiveness of local education authorities to act as an engine of quality — witness the cosy complicity of the old local inspection arrangements. Labour should use the opportunity provided by the need to give a new framework to grant-maintained schools to construct a new framework for all schools, whereby the local community contracts for quality provision.

This also means engaging with the traditional no-go areas of poor teachers and failing schools. When I used to run courses for parent governors, their attempts to raise questions about poor heads, incompetent staff and failing schools were firmly ruled off the agenda by the assembled educational establishment. It has been virtually impossible to remove incompetent teachers or poor heads. Yet we know that heads can make or break schools. As with doctors, sexual misconduct matters, but routine incompetence does not. It is surely time that all head teachers were appointed on fixed contracts.

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Labour should not be coy about league tables — whether relating to the performance of schools, hospitals or other public services. Of course, it matters to have reliable league tables, but it matters even more to use the information revealed by them to drive up standards. It was chastening to hear a chief education officer say recently that LEAs had lacked any systematic measure of the performance of primary schools since the abolition of the 11-plus.

The Government seems to believe that league tables are primarily tools for individual consumer choice. This is nonsense, at least for most people in most places. What people want is not a notional choice of school or hospital, but a real assurance that the school and hospital down the road are good ones. This is the responsibility of the State and league table information should be used as the tool to discharge it.

That is why all the fuss about the Blair family's choice of school for their son managed to miss the real issue. It should be taken for granted that parents seek to give their children the best education available to them. The real hypocrisy is to pretend otherwise. The public policy issue is why so many urban schools should be dreaded by parents. It should be inconceivable for the banner of quality and standards not to be held by the party which believes in using the State to provide key public services.

What all this means is that Labour has to position itself as the determined, even ruthless, apostle of public service quality. It must be prepared to engage with all the obstacles and interests in the way. At a moment when the Conservatives are promising that their public service reforms are complete, Labour needs to carve out a distinctive agenda that amounts to more than putting a few clocks back a bit. Decent public services for all cost money. With a new tax battle already in sight, it might just be that people will be more ready to meet this cost if they can see that Labour means business on quality.

● *The author is MP for Cannock and Burntwood*

MIKE SCOTT

Tony Blair in Gateshead last week: the row about his choice of school for his son missed the point

Young lose their voice

The National Youth Agency is facing the axe at the worst possible time

For the past decade or more, young people have been stealing cars, taking drugs, rioting in the streets, dropping out of school and engaging in countless other nefarious activities. Citizens throughout the land are outraged. What, they are asking, is the Government going to do about it?

Conventional wisdom has suggested that "they'll grow out of it": as soon as teenagers get a job, buy a house, have a family, they will become solid members of the community.

But these so-called stabilising influences are no longer on offer in many parts of the country. By last summer, some 180,000 16 and 17-year-olds had no job or training place, and were not in full-time education. More than 150,000 young adults find themselves homeless each year. Almost half of all recorded drug offences are committed by people under 21, while 25,000 pupils are excluded annually from school.

As a consequence, youngsters are becoming desperate. They call the Samaritans at the rate of one every four minutes. Young people account for 13 per cent of all suicides. The peak age for offending has risen from 15 to 18. Far from growing out of their problems, disaffected young people are turning into marginalised adults.

It is hard to reconcile the Government's myriad pledges on young people with its actions. In particular, I fear the outcome of the Department for Education's stated intention to abolish the National Youth Agency, the only nationwide focus for youth work.

As you might expect from a body that is genuinely representative, the NYA has been critical, as well as supportive, of government policy. Unlike many of its European partners, this country does not have a Minister for Youth; issues are handled by a variety of government departments. The NYA was supposed to fill that vacuum. Now, after just three years, it is scheduled for the chop.

But a national focus would not be the only casualty if the agency were to disappear. Much of its pioneering work on information for young people, international initiatives and training would also founder.

Training concerns me most. Youth workers, who are dealing with cases of drug abuse, truancy, homelessness and juvenile crime, need professional training. At the moment, this training is rigorously controlled by the NYA, with the endorsement process funded by the Government. If that process is thrown to the market, some small organisations will not be able to afford it at all, others will cut back, while larger employers may set up their own procedures.

The result will be off-the-peg training dominated by financial pressures. Practical activities will predominate, valuable work on counselling, equal opportunities and skills will be lost.

Around 1.5 million young people use the youth services, yet their views and needs are consistently and invidiously ignored. They need a national voice.

MARTIN FREEDMAN

● *The author is a member of the Executive Board of the National Youth Agency*

Optimism on South Africa's campuses

Stuart J. Saunders rebuts criticism that the university system is sliding into chaos

South Africans have been somewhat bemused by a tendency in certain sections of the British press to applaud the "miracle" of our peaceful transition to democracy — and then predict a wholesale slide into chaos.

R.W. Johnson's article on South African universities (Education, January 9) is part of this pattern. Central to this argument is the thesis that a group of "long-suffering but distinctly middle-aged" white academics is all that remains to hold the line between quality and decline in South Africa's best universities. The other universities have either failed to break the mould of segregation or are teetering on the brink of collapse as a consequence of "open admissions" policies and student protest. In short, according to Mr Johnson, all roads lead to ruin.

Most people involved in managing various aspects of South Africa's transition to democracy see things rather differently. Without underestimating the challenges ahead, we tend to look back at the extent and success of change over the past decade, under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, and so approach the future with confidence.

It is also true that South Africans are undertaking what is probably the world's most complex transition to democracy. We live in a country where almost every contemporary political fault-line criss-crosses our social fabric: race, ethnicity, class, religious and cultural differences. It has become a local cliché to describe ourselves as the world in one country.

There are various reasons for our comparative success to date, but these lie beyond the scope of this article.

One, however, is relevant. A key reason for our relatively positive prognosis (compared, for example with certain states in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union) lies in the variety, vibrancy and autonomy of institutions outside the State. These institutions — such as the press and the universities — provide an essential underpinning for our emerging democracy by distributing power and influence throughout society. Although none of these institutions emerged unscathed from apartheid, several succeeded in building international reputations of quality, and a robust, often defiant independence that sustained the value of an open society during the darkest days of authoritarian rule. They are unlikely to go belly-up now.

There is, however, a risk of the perception developing, at home and abroad, that successful institutions can survive on their past record, as resources are redirected towards institutions attempting to establish capacity and quality, often from scratch.

> Institutions that succeeded in building a robust, defiant independence during apartheid are unlikely to go belly-up now

While institution-building is certainly an important objective, it would be short-sighted in the extreme to allow institutions that are currently working well to decline, in the hope that comparable alternatives will arise in their place. Great institutions, especially universities, take decades to grow. They can be destroyed by neglect, however benign, in a fraction of the time.

Johnson's analysis also helpfully avoids the misleading juxtaposition of the so-called "historically white" institutions and "historically black" institutions, definitions that obliterate the distinction between those universities that resisted the enforcement of racial policies, and those (black and white) that acquiesced, or supported them.

Instead, Johnson uses a less simplistic distinction between three groups of universities: English-speaking, Afrikaans-speaking, and "historically black". Of the latter group, all except Fort Hare were established to entrench segregation in tertiary education.

Today the extent and success of the transition that has taken place within Johnson's "old English-speaking liberal universities" are largely taken for granted. In contrast, the tentative steps towards change currently being initiated by universities in the second group attract the same attention as a Damascene conversion, while the third group finds itself on the side of the angels.

Although the "historically black universities" do have special needs, this is not, in the majority of cases, because of lower levels of state support than other universities during the apartheid years. On the contrary, an analysis of the funding situation over the past decade shows that in many cases the converse was — and remains — true.

While these universities do bear a major burden of the expectations of our people for higher education, and while they have students who are unable to find the money to pay for tuition and residence fees or books — so do R.W. Johnson's old English-speaking universities. At the University of Cape Town, for example, more than half of the first-year enrolment will be black during 1995. The same trend is clear in all the other old English-speaking liberal universities, which will continue to play a critical role in South Africa's development.

It is in them that most research is being done — and we will ensure that this continues. It is in them that increasing numbers of black South Africans are being trained and educated — and this trend will continue. It is in them that a solid core of good academics of all races are maintaining and building an ethic of scholarship to secure the quality of tertiary education for the future, despite the serious erosion of state funding.

South African universities do face an uncertain future. This is nothing new. Universities have done so for all recorded history, from the Academy of Plato, and from the time of Bologna, Oxford and Paris. The South African Government has appointed a commission to inquire into and report on the future of higher education. We shall do what we can to contribute constructively to the commission's work to ensure a vibrant system of higher education.

We approach the future with confidence, with enthusiasm and with determination, in the spirit that South Africans shared on May 10 last year, when the presidential inauguration took place at the Union Buildings. We believe we shall succeed and weather the storms that R.W. Johnson rightly sees ahead. We are not fair-weather sailors.

● *The author is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town*

George Turnbull reports on a pioneering scheme to create an international centre designed to prepare students for global careers in the 21st century

Language with no barriers

William Shakespeare was only 11 when Dartford Grammar School for Boys first opened its doors in a room which stood on pillars over the local market. The school no longer stands aloof from the world of commerce, and is now widely tipped to be the first to win government funding to create a centre of excellence for modern languages.

The school would receive up to £100,000 in grants for capital improvements, which would have to be matched by funding from industry. That sum has already been secured as Dartford puts the finishing touches to its proposal to win "language college" status through the opening of an international centre to prepare students for careers in the developing global markets of the 21st century.

An annual grant of £90,000 will help with the running costs of the centre and the wear and tear on the state-of-the-art technology required for such a venture to succeed. Industry will benefit from its investment, as will the local community.

The facilities at the centre will be made available in the evenings and during school holidays so that the satellite, computer and video-conferencing equipment may be utilised fully. The multi-media library envisaged will contain international cultural and business information on companies and countries throughout Europe and the Middle East. The school hopes to develop and market distance-learning packages, which will also enable its own students to learn additional or minority languages through home study.

Dartford already enjoys a high record of achievement for languages in GCSE examinations and currently offers courses in French, German and Spanish. An examined course in contemporary European studies is also compulsory for all lower-sixth students.

Learning French at Dartford: languages will constitute one fifth of the timetable for all students

Assuming that language college status is granted, which it could be in a matter of weeks, the school will also offer Italian, Russian, Japanese and Arabic. Languages will constitute 20 per cent of the timetable for all students between 12 and 14, and for many right through to 16. Tony Smith, the headmaster, says: "Students currently have a working knowledge of two foreign languages but in future the target will be three."

The school has 900 boys and is heavily oversubscribed, although there is some room for expansion in the upper school. These extra places may be filled by students from overseas, as it is the schools' intention to be a truly international centre for learning.

It is already twinned for exchanges with schools in France, Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Georgia and the Czech Republic. And work experience exchanges are provided through twinning arrangements in Rotterdam, Basle and Prague.

"The international dimension is important," says Mr Smith. "It reflects in our own area. In recent years, our manufacturing industries have gradually disappeared. But now, as part of the East Thames Gateway Initiative, Dartford is the most imporant international development area in the UK. We want to be part of that development for the long-term interests of our students and the community."

As a result, the school believes, the ability to communicate in another language is crucial. But which one? "That we don't know," says Mr Smith. "So we need to develop the skills in our young people to learn language to the point where they can understand and be understood in a number of different languages, as required. With the use of distance-learning packages our students will be able to do that. At the moment there is a tendency for formal teaching methods to hold them back. We need to move on from this situation and offer more flexible opportunities for progress to be made."

The specialist school concept is not new and was originally imported from the United States, where "magnet" schools have operated successfully for many years. There it is possible for students to specialise in almost any area, including medicine, aeronautics, policing, firefighting, and becoming an FBI agent.

In this country, the Government's new language venture is part of a wider initiative to extend its current specialist school philosophy — the City Technology College — into other schools in the state sector. With £60 million of funding available over the next three years, it is expected that most of the schools will specialise in technology, mathematics and science, although modern languages have been added to the initiative and sport is likely to follow.

Dartford Grammar was already going in that direction, and the international centre will be created regardless of the final decision on the school's proposal. The £100,000 from industry is secure but with structural changes required to the school to accommodate the centre, the grants from Government would help this to happen more quickly.

George Turnbull is Editor of Language Matters, *published by the Associated Examining Board.*

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Tracing proceeds of stolen gold

Brinks Ltd v Abu-Saleh and Others

Before Mr Justice Jacob

[Judgment January 17]

Before a convicted robber, or a "launderer" of money derived from robbery, could resist a summary judgment at the suit of the party robbed, under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, he had to adduce evidence, other than that adduced by him at his criminal trial, which raised a fair or reasonable probability of his having a real or bona fide defence to the claim: a defence that was practically moonshine would not do.

Mr Justice Jacob so held in the Chancery Division, in granting the plaintiff, Brinks Ltd, declaratory relief and interim orders against Gordon John Parry, the thirty-second defendant, and Brian Henry Reader the thirty-seventh defendant, convicted respectively as a robber and a launderer concerned in the Brinks Mat gold robbery at Heathrow in 1983.

Mr Richard Spearman for the plaintiff; Mr David Beard for Mr Parry; Mr Anthony Jackson, solicitor, for Mr Reader.

MR JUSTICE JACOB said that in November 1983 gold worth £27 million, of which the plaintiff had been bailee, had been stolen. Many of the robbers and handlers involved had been caught and convicted. The last appeal in the criminal cases had been dismissed on March 11, 1994. The civil trial was set to begin on April 25 and promised to be substantial.

A summons under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, seeking summary judgment, was now contested by two of the 57 defendants. First, both relied upon delay as precluding relief under Order 14, substantial, in the case of Mr Reader, his appeal against conviction having been dismissed in 1987 or 1988.

But if there was no defence to the claim, or if the defendants could not show there was an issue or question in dispute that ought to be tried, or that there ought for some other reason to be a trial of the claim, delay by itself was irrelevant and an albeit late application for judgment under Order 14 might, as here, be commendable as saving both the extra costs and time involved in a full trial. A contrary *obiter dictum* in *McLardy v Slateum* ((1890) 24 QBD 504, 506-7) was no longer appropriate.

Next, the defendants sought to rely on section 11(2)(a) of the Civil Evidence Act 1968, which envisaged the possibility that they might in civil proceedings prove their convictions to have been wrong.

But in order to succeed, they needed more than simply a retrial on the same evidence: they needed, at least, to show that new evidence, not given at the criminal trial, would be called: see *Hunter v Chief Constable of the West Midlands* ([1982] AC 529). In the absence of such new evidence, a defence would be an abuse of process.

It was, however, clear that the burden of proof upon an applicant for judgment under Order 14 was heavy: he would fail if there was "a fair or reasonable probability of the defendants' having a real or bona fide defence": see Lord Justice Ackner in *Banque de Paris et Des Pays-Bas (Suisse) SA v Costa de Naray* ([1984] 1 Lloyd's Rep 21, 23) or "if what the defendant says [is] credible": see Lord Justice Lloyd in *Standard Chartered Bank v Yacoub* (unreported, August 3, 1990, CA Transcript No 503I).

Lord Lindley had put it no differently in *Codd v Delap* ((1905) 92 LT 510, 511) when saying that for Order 14 to apply, the defence had to be practically moonshine.

Mr Reader had served a defence taking the point that the certificate of conviction and the indictment had not positively said that the gold he had handled was that of Brinks Mat, so it could have been some other gold; but as he advanced no positive case that it was, and there had been ample material linking the gold he handled with that stolen from Brinks, his Lordship regarded that defence as no more than a hint of moonshine. An interim payment of £5 million would accordingly be ordered.

As to Mr Parry, he had first taken the technical point that the deponent of the affidavit in support of the Order 14 summons had not expressed a belief that Mr Parry had no defence, but that was not so, as such a belief, covering every defendant, appeared at the start of the affidavit.

The claim against him, he had been convicted on ten counts of handling stolen goods, was for an interim payment of nearly £15 million in respect of damages and equitable compensation together with declarations that certain funds and shareholdings were held on trust for the plaintiff and an order that £800,000 in a Barclays Bank account, plus interest, be paid to Brinks.

For Mr Parry, it was said that *his conviction on those 10 counts* did not prove the sums referred to in them (£4,410,029) were derived from Brinks' gold. But Brinks had plainly pleaded, in fine detail, that link: some of the money being traced to new banknotes unequivocally derived from the Brinks' gold.

Mr Parry now wished to contend that that money had come from other named sources. But that was exactly the same contention, based on the same material, as he had previously run: to allow him to relitigate it would be an abuse of process.

An adjournment had been sought, and refused, to enable Mr Parry to put his "other source" case in detail, but he had had plenty of opportunity to do that over the years. Moreover he had, consistently with his choice not to give evidence at his trial, left the swearing of the relevant affidavit to his solicitor.

Mr Parry's next point was that the sum claimed against him went well beyond the £4.4 million specified in the counts on which he was convicted: but he had not condescended to particulars in relation to the Brinks' pleaded allegations and since his defence in relation to the excess was the same as for the £4.4 million, to give him leave to defend the excess would effectively allow him to relitigate his failed criminal defence.

Further, some at least of the money in question had been derived from Brinks' gold, so he held it on constructive trust for the plaintiff. It was settled law that if a trustee mixed trust assets with his own money, to the extent that the two could not be distinguished, they belonged to the trust, the onus of distinguishing the two lying on the wrongly acting trustee: *In re Tilley's Will Trusts* ([1967] Ch 1179).

In the result, his Lordship was satisfied that the plaintiff was entitled to the declaratory relief sought, to an order for payment in respect of the Barclays Bank account holding about £800,000, and to an interim payment of £12 million in respect of damages, equitable recovery and interest.

Solicitors: Shaw & Croft; Janes & Co; Jeffrey Gordon & Co, Battersea.

VAT on overpaid telephone bills

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v British Telecom plc

Before Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment January 19]

While a payment received in respect of a continuous supply within the meaning of regulation 23(1)(a) of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886) had to constitute consideration for that supply if the recipient was to be chargeable to tax upon its receipt, mistaken overpayments credited to subsequent invoices in respect of continuous supplies did not constitute consideration for those services.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against the decision on April 28, 1993 of a value-added tax tribunal which had allowed the appeal of British Telecom plc against an assessment for output tax.

The proceedings arose when it was discovered that some BT customers, deliberately or unintentionally, had paid more than was stated on the particular quarterly invoice.

Where the customer had informed BT that the overpayment had been deliberate, BT accounted for VAT output tax on the amount of overpayment. Otherwise and unless repayment was requested, BT credited the overpayment to the customer and took it into account when calculating the sum payable on the next quarter's invoice. It did not account for the output tax on the overpayment until the next quarter's invoice was issued.

On a subsidiary issue, the court said that the tribunal should have directed that the assessment had been valid in so far as it related to deliberate overpayments made by customers who had not declared their intention to do so.

Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the commissioners; Mr David Milne, QC and Ms Julie Anderson for BT.

MR JUSTICE DYSON said that it was the commissioners' case that the overpayment became subject to output tax at the time of receipt. It was submitted that overpaid moneys in respect of future services when it appropriated the money as payment on account of future services.

It was immaterial that the customer did not know about or consent to such appropriation and it was irrelevant whether the overpayment was consideration. The commissioners asked what was the nature of the overpayment if it was not in respect of services.

In his Lordship's view a payment was not made in respect of a supply unless both supplier and customer agreed to treat it as such. If a customer made a payment by mistake the supplier could not unilaterally convert that payment into a payment in respect of future supplies by an act of appropriation.

The supplier might purport to receive the payment in respect of future services but the payment had not been so made. The answer to the commissioners' question was that the overpayment was simply a payment made under mistake of fact.

In reaching his decision his Lordship had derived assistance as to the meaning of the phrase "a payment in respect of supplies" from a passage in the judgment of Lord Justice Bingham in *Customs and Excise Commissioner v Faith Construction Ltd* ([1989] STC 539, 546).

His Lordship did not accept that BT appropriated the mistaken payment, as the right to appropriate only arose where several debts were due from debtor to creditor and where the creditor or debtor might appropriate payment to one debt rather than another.

Since there had been no debt in respect of future supplies until an invoice had been issued there could be no right to appropriate the mistaken payment as payment on account.

After considering the Sixth Council Directive of the European Community (77/388/EC) (OJ 1977 L145 p1) and relevant decisions of the European Court, his Lordship said that the tribunal had been correct in holding that a payment made in respect of continuous services had to be consideration if the recipient were to be chargeable to tax upon receipt of the payment.

The crucial point to be had in mind was that only a supply of services for a consideration was subject to VAT (article 2.1 of the Sixth Directive) and that the taxable amount in respect of services was, subject to immaterial exceptions, the consideration that had been obtained or was to be obtained from the customer (article 11.1(a)).

For a supply of services to be taxable there had to be a direct link between the service provided and the consideration received. His Lordship said, agreeing with the submission of BT, that there was no direct link between a payment in respect of continuing supplies not yet provided and those services, unless the customer agreed that his payment should be credited to a future invoice in respect of those services.

There could be no such link where a customer had made an unintentional overpayment and had not subsequently agreed to allocate that payment to any particular future supply. It followed that the making of an unintentional payment was not consideration and was not payment within the meaning of article 10.2. Accordingly his Lordship's interpretation of regulation 23(1)(a) conformed to the meaning of that article.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Mr A. Whitfield.

Community charge committal

Regina v Preston Justices and Another, Ex parte McCosh

Before Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment December 2]

Justices were not obliged to exhaust all possibilities of recovering unpaid community charge before making a suspended committal order under regulation 41(3) of the Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations (SI 1989 No 438).

Mr Justice Turner so held in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing an application by Yvonne McCosh for judicial review of the decision on March 17, 1993 of Preston Justices to issue a warrant for the commitment of the applicant, suspended on terms that she pay a weekly sum in respect of her non-payment of community charge to the authority, and of the decision of Preston Borough Council on March 17, 1993 to seek that committal.

The justices had found that the failure to pay under the liability order was due to her culpable neglect.

Mr Leslie Thomas for the applicant; Mr Robin Tam for the justices.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that the sole point of challenge was that in light of previous decisions of the court, it was well established that it was an improper exercise of the power to commit, under either regulation 41(3)(a) or (b), if all other methods of obtaining payment had not first been tried and exhausted.

His Lordship reviewed the case law including *R v Birmingham Magistrates Court, Ex parte Mansell* ((1988) 87 LGR 82). While that case involved the enforcement of rating arrears, no difference in principle had been brought to his Lordship's attention between that enforcement regime and that of community charge. His Lordship found that that case was at odds with the principle which the applicant sought to establish.

When Parliament approved the 1989 Regulations it had done so in the knowledge of the long standing practice of the courts. The principle of *stare decisis* applied.

The justices had a discretion on the evidence available to them what order they could properly make. They were not obliged in the proper exercise of that discretion to exhaust all possibilities of recovery otherwise than making a suspended committal order before making such an order.

The principles which governed the proper exercise of discretion when a charging authority was seeking to proceed under regulation 41(3)(a) or (b) were different.

The long standing practice of the courts in regard to suspended committal as opposed to immediate committal recognised the coercive effect of the former and the punitive effect of the latter. The cases in which that distinction had become blurred or extinguished appeared to have been wrongly decided and were probably the result of selective citation of authority.

There was no difference in principle between the exercise of the power to suspend committal under the regulations and the power to suspend in the case of any other power to recover civil debt. In the event the application would be refused.

Solicitors: Jeff Brailsford Rimmer & Co, Preston; Treasury Solicitor.

Challenge to order

B v Secretary of State for Social Security

Before Mr Justice Thorpe

[Judgment December 21]

Judicial review was the proper means by which to challenge a deduction from earnings order made by the Child Support Agency on the ground that the welfare of children likely to be affected by the order had not been considered.

Mr Justice Thorpe so held in a reserved judgment in the Family Division, dismissing the father's appeal against the dismissal by Colchester Justices on September 14, 1994 of an appeal against a deduction from earnings order made pursuant to the Child Support Act 1991.

Section 2 of the 1991 Act provides: "Where, in any case which falls to be dealt with under this Act, the secretary of state or any child support officer is considering the exercise of any discretionary power conferred by this Act, he shall have regard to the welfare of any child likely to be affected by his decision."

Mr Nicholas Mostyn and Mr Nicholas Lockett for the father; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that the father's principal ground of complaint before the justices had been that the Child Support Agency had failed to consider the welfare principle in making the deduction from earnings order and that, therefore, the order was defective.

The justices had decided that there was no evidence that the agency had failed to consider the welfare principle.

The secretary of state contended any assertion that a duty under section 2 of the 1991 Act had not been observed was a public law question open to judicial review and confined to the High Court.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was quite clear that the remedy for a breach of duty under section 2 was to apply to the Divisional Court and not to the justices.

Therefore, the justices had erred in holding that a deduction from earnings order would be defective if the secretary of state failed to exercise his discretion under section 2 of the 1991 Act.

Solicitors: Sparling Benham & Brough, Colchester; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Local connection

Regina v Slough Borough Council, Ex parte Khan and Another

Before Mr Roger Toulson

[Judgment January 19]

A housing authority, before referring a homeless applicant for accommodation to another council, first had to address all possible bases of finding a local connection with its own district as set out in section 61 of the Housing Act 1985.

Mr Roger Toulson, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated when granting an application for judicial review by Sarwar Dad Khan and Faiz Begum of a decision of December 24, 1993 by Slough Borough Council that they were homeless, in priority need and not intentionally homeless but that it had no duty to house them because they had no local connection with the borough.

Mr Donald Broatch for the applicants; Mr Christopher Baker for the council.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there were four possible bases for a local connection in section 61: residence, employment, family association or special circumstances.

The applicants had argued that the decision letter had failed to address the question of family association. It stated simply that there was no local connection "because the applicants had not secured accommodation for six months or more in the borough".

The authority had subsequently urged the court by affidavit to consider the substance not the form of the letter, but his Lordship adopted a more rigorous approach. The applicants were living in Slough and had some family association.

The letter had addressed residence and in language suggesting the decision had been made exclusively on that basis. It was therefore flawed. The authority should reconsider the case.

On the applicant's evidence there were a number of relatives, some with a long past connection with the borough. His Lordship noted, however, that it was not a relative's connection with a borough, but the length and nature of an applicant's connection with the borough through relatives there which was decisive.

Solicitors: Hetherington & Co, Slough; Mr John Bell, Slough.

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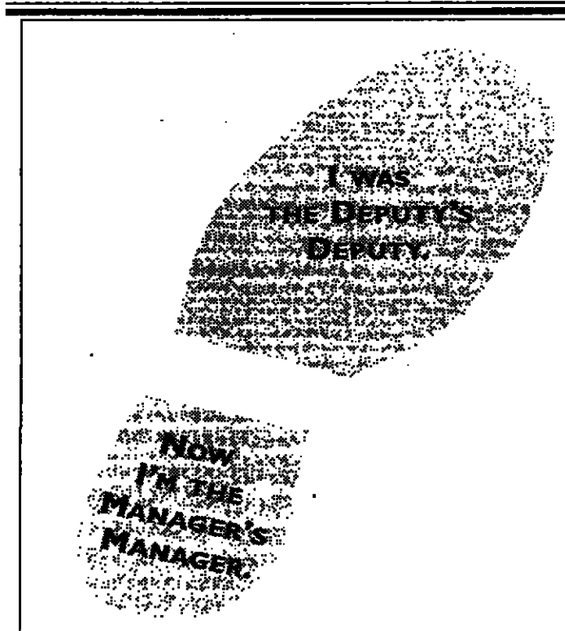

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1,719.80	Allied Irish	258	- 2	4.9	9.9
2,680.10	Aus New Z	188	- 6	6.6	..
9,319.50	Bank America	2862½	+ 25	..	..
2,459.10	Bank Scotland	210	+ 13	3.2	11.8
9,515.70	Barclays	592	+ 12	3.6	14.2
1,440.70	Bk of Ireland	303	+ 9	4.8	8.8
9,975.30	Citicorp	2562½	+ 87½	..	..
212.30	Close Bros	229	- 4	4.2	18.1
4,296.70	Commerzbk	£131¼	- 400	6.3	..
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427.10	Hambros	242	- 4	7.7	14.9
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10,857.30	HSBC Hk	619	+ 4	4.9	9.0
20.80	Joseph (L)	393	..	5.8	17.4
827.10	Kleinwort Ben	630	+ 46	3.9	10.5
7,146.50	Lloyds	551	- 3	5.2	10.6
6,780.00	Nat Aust Bk	505	- 11	7.0	..
8,425.60	Nat West	491	+ 24	4.9	9.6
107.50	Ottoman Bank	2150	..	6.8	..
27.48	Rea Bros	66	..	1.8	18.5
3,155.90	Ryl Bk Scot	384	+ 5	4.4	11.3
1,465.00	Schroders	1485	+ 37	1.8	13.4
381.40	Schroders N/V	1315	+ 12	1.8	12.0
165.10	Singer & Fried	85	- ½	4.6	10.9
2,441.40	Stand Chart	258	- 2	3.1	8.7
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300.80	Boddington	248	- 4	4.2	13.3
36.00	Burtonwood Brwf	173	..	3.7	14.5
32.70	Eldridge P 'A'	158	+ 1	3.2	..
1,798.20	Fosters Brewing	54	- 1	5.3	..
71.80	Folk Sm 'A'	352	..	2.8	14.8
892.90	Greenalls Grp	427	+ 10	3.8	21.2
221.30	Greene King	522	+ 2	3.1	14.2
51.60	Hardy Hanson	259	- 3	4.8	..
3.48	Heavitree	150	- 5	3.4	13.8
106.00	Holt J	3420	..	1.8	18.8
158.60	Mansfield	247	+ 5	2.4	15.1
269.10	Marston Thmp	209	..	2.5	14.5
99.80	Morland	460	- 3	2.8	13.8
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43.10	Avonside	69	- 2	5.6	11.6
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269.70	Berkeley Gpt	348	- 12	2.6	11.1
26.70	Bett Bros	178	..	3.2	5.5
59.50	Bool (Henry)	228	..	3.8	11.2
14.80	Brandon Hire	109	..	..	..
16.80	Br Bldg & Eng	150	- 3	6.7	8.3
329.50	Bryant	118½	- 3½	5.9	13.3
43.00	CALA	100	- 3	3.5	13.8
4.61	Campbell & Arm	32	- 2	..	..
6.40	Clarke T	52	..	3.0	44.1
97.10	Costain	18¾	- ¼	..	..
79.50	Countryside	104	- 1	5.3	12.8
77.30	Crest Nicholson	78	..	2.6	14.5
16.70	Cussins	94	..	4.5	11.4
9.17	Edmond Hldgs	18	..	2.1	..
25.80	Eve Group	263	- 10	5.3	18.6
24.90	Galliford	28	- 1	4.5	..
1.50	Gibbs & Dandy	86	..	3.8	..
87.20	Gleeson (MJ)	863	..	2.1	14.8
6.54	Green (Ernst)	85	..	4.8	28.2
51.40	Havelock Euro	197	+ 4	1.9	18.0
335.20	Hewden-Stuart	146	..	2.5	16.8
56.90	Higgs & Hill	86	- 1½	3.6	..
4.94	Howard Hldgs	19	..	5.3	17.7
4.26	Jarvis	10½	..	..	..
59.40	Keller	105	- 1	4.4	12.3
94.80	Laing (J)	207	- 6	5.4	16.7
36.90	Laing 5.4% Cv Pf	92	- 1½	8.7	..
10.80	Lon Clydeside	119	- 3	5.7	..
20.70	Lovell (YJ)	52	- 1	2.5	6.2
51.80	Maunders (J)	207	..	3.3	12.4
114.00	McAlpine (A)	165	- 9	4.9	24.2
53.20	McCarthy & S	54	- 1	..	..
17.30	Morgan Sindall	60	..	0.2	..
167.60	Mowlem (J)	96	- 2½	2.6	..
202.10	Persimmon	173	- 6	6.6	13.8
25.00	Pochins	2400	..	1.7	24.0
50.90	Prowting	117	..	3.8	17.8
95.90	Raine Ind	51	- ½	7.4	18.6
4.78	Secure Retire	46	+ 1	..	14.9
212.40	Redrow	96	+ 1	3.5	9.5
9.11	Swift-Fire	58	- 2	1.6	27.3
41.40	Sheriff Hldgs	391	..	1.8	16.2
5.42	Shorco	113	..	4.1	15.6
20.70	Smart (J)	205	..	5.2	21.5
84.90	Spendex	283	..	1.1	21.2
50.50	Tay Homes	173	..	4.7	32.7
496.00	Taylor Woodrw	128	+ 3	1.7	31.3
181.80	Tilbury Dougls	538	- 7	7.7	41.2
6.49	Torex Hire	63	..	2.6	22.1
13.10	Try Group	19	..	1.3	..
48.50	Vibroplant	165	- 1	4.4	18.8
69.70	Watermans	112	- 2	5.5	12.1
27.90	Ward Hldgs	53	..	1.2	..
87.90	Westbury	132	- 3	5.1	12.0
23.40	Wiggins	4¾	- ¼	..	..
284.30	Wilson (C)	149	- 8	3.5	12.4
292.30	Wilson Bowdn	313	..	3.8	14.0
422.30	Wimpey G	117	- 2	5.8	17.5

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.20	Allingham	14	..	4.5	28.6
105.40	Alumasc	349	..	2.2	..
22.00	Amberley Gpt	51	..	3.1	26.2
1,571.90	BPB Ind	314	+ 7	3.3	18.1
48.80	Baggeridge Brk	123	..	3.2	12.7
188.50	Barlon	34	..	7.4	..
364.90	Bristol Indtrl	242	- 17½	0.3	64.0
17.40	Blockleys	70	+ 1	1.6	..
1,939.10	Blue Circle	286	- 4	5.3	18.9
20.70	Breedon PLC	73	..	7.9	39.9
23.60	Br Dredging	135	+ 3	5.2	16.2
1,242.80	CRH	353	+ 9	2.7	17.9
2.46	Caradon Rby	41	..	..	..
113.60	Cape	210	..	6.5	13.3
1,351.50	Caradon	226	- 15	4.9	15.0
205.10	Caradon pf	114½	- 5	7.8	..
4.04	Chelfain Gp	54	..	8.1	10.8
1.78	Dyson (J&J)	108	- 1	4.1	16.0
8.97	Dyson A	85½	- 3½	6.8	9.6
16.90	Eclipse Blinds	12	..	..	..
69.30	Erwin	279	..	3.5	15.6
29.90	Erith	82	+ 2	2.8	34.9
200.60	Graham Grp	175	+ 1	3.3	16.7
101.20	Halstead LR	394	- 4	2.8	15.4
699.80	Hepworth	280	- 8	6.4	16.4
7.72	Howelson	83	..	2.3	14.3
6.12	Hewitt (J)	90	- 2	2.4	..
238.90	Heywd Wms	249	..	6.8	14.0
192.80	Ibstock	77	+ ½	1.8	..
28.50	Johnston	269	..	2.1	32.3
27.00	Lilleshall	95	- 1	6.2	18.0
361.50	Marley	125	+ 1	4.2	14.9
156.70	Marshalls	128	- 2½	4.4	11.4
413.30	Meyer Intl	329	- 20	4.1	12.8
199.70	Newman Tnks	165	- 10	4.9	28.6
155.60	Norcros	69	- 8	9.8	16.9
4.52	Phoenix Timber	13	..	..	..
1,181.20	Pilkington	149	- 7	3.4	28.5
196.00	Polypipe	125	- 4	2.3	14.4
1,830.10	RMC Gp	929	- 11	2.9	19.2
3.12	Ramus	13	..	..	..
2,201.50	Redland	425	- 18	7.4	19.7
16.40	Rostel	109	..	4.9	..
708.00	Rugby Group	110	- 7	3.9	13.9
20.60	Russell (A)	89	..	3.2	18.3
176.10	SIG	238	- 11	2.9	12.1
4.54	SWP	18½	+ ½	1.4	23.7
37.90	Sharpe & Fisher	177	- 1	3.1	13.0
185.40	Streng Rsn	36½	- 2½	1.7	..
1,050.50	Tarmac	114	- 2½	8.0	..
17.10	Tilbury	157	..	3.6	..
267.60	Travis Perkins	289	+ 2	3.7	17.3
2.73	Tudor	25	..	1.2	..
71.30	Unigroup	36	..	..	..
1.67	Waterhouse	43	..	..	..
319.70	Wickes	86	- 1	1.9	19.3
2,087.20	Wolseley	759	- 7	2.8	14.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.10	Anglo Utd	1¾	..	..	..
15.30	App Hldg	70	- 3	..	..
333.80	Allwoods	118	..	5.3	..
3.58	Bailey (CH)	6½	..	..	..
10.40	Black Arrow	42	- 2	9.2	6.7
3.26	Br Bloodstock	84	+ 1	..	75.4
3.39	Card Gp	5½	..	..	16.0
1.97	Chameleon	5	- ½	2.5	..
17.60	Coath	148	+ 6	6.8	16.6
57.00	FBcter	215	- 2	1.2	18.4
6.92	Hadley	43	..	2.8	33.5
62.80	Haytoch	264	- 3	3.5	..
110.20	Logica	167	+ 8	5.8	15.4
40.90	Nobo Grp	221	+ 4	3.4	14.8
128.70	Photo-Me	212	- 16	2.9	29.4
18.19	Pizzi & Geo	56	+ 2	3.9	..
0.53	Poch Group	¾	..	..	..
14.80	Radine	10	..	..	..
154.70	Shanks & McEwan	84	..	3.1	..
38.40	Sinclair (Wm)	176	- 2	5.1	13.6
1,477.70	Waste Mgt Intl	394	- 14	..	14.9

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
628.80	Allied Colloids	179	+ 2	2.5	16.8
30.50	Amber Ind	780	..	3.4	15.5
7,673.90	BASF DM	£131¼	- 190¾	3.6	..
3,427.50	BOC	717	- 9	4.3	26.5
384.00	BTP	284	- 9	4.4	16.8
9,642.20	Bayer DM50	£142¾	- 258¾	3.2	..
75.20	Brent Chems	107	..	4.7	..
487.90	Br Vita	224	- 1	4.2	16.7
4.18	Cambridge Iso	32	..	..	..
52.60	Canning (W)	185	+ 1	4.9	31.5
1,716.60	Courtaulds	426	- 4	4.4	20.0
478.90	Croda	362	+ 3	3.0	15.5
13.80	Doeflex	130	- 1	4.4	13.1
19.90	Ecco Colour	66	- 1½	2.6	19.1
19.70	Elementis	119	..	5.8	16.9
212.60	Hickson	121	- 1	8.3	10.8
7,971.80	Hoechst	£134¾	- 150	2.8	..
717.20	Holliday Chem	209	- 2	2.6	17.1
5,516.90	ICI	762	- 4	4.5	61.6
139.30	Laporte	104	- 6½	5.3	9.9
1,292.70	Laporte	674	- 9	3.9	17.3
31.20	MTM	84	..	0.7	..
120.70	Manders	384	- 1	4.1	14.8
63.30	McLeod Russel	115	..	6.7	12.8
15.30	Midsweet	68	..	6.5	8.8
22,876.90	Montedison	447½	- 2½	4.4	20.7
46.50	Porvair	305	..	1.8	22.6
457.00	Scapa	192½	..	3.9	15.6
16.40	Sidcelle Seed	21	- 2	3.0	17.1
6,735.40	Takeda Chem	770¾	- ½	0.8	14.5
82.20	Warde Simons	330	- 1	6.5	18.4
44.80	Wellington Hdg	180	..	3.4	18.4
57.40	Wholesale R	775	+ 2	3.1	15.2
187.20	Yorks Chem	365	- 2	2.8	15.8
269.00	Yule Catto	269	- 7	3.8	20.4

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.70	ABI Leisr	99	- 4	5.1	11.4
59.60	Acatt	309	..	2.8	16.7
25.60	Adam & Harvey	595	..	3.5	7.5
8.46	Alexanders	21	..	5.0	13.5
71.00	Appleyard	107	- 4	6.8	18.9
12.50	Ass Br Eng	6¾	..	1.3	33.9
137.00	BSS Group	523	+ 3	4.4	18.4
8.00	Beading Powell	28	- 1½	5.4	11.8
15.40	Blakedown Mkt	253	..	5.2	10.4
1.38	Bogod 'A'	38	..	3.1	11.8
155.80	Boomer	347	- 4	4.7	10.3
4.12	Bridgend Gp	15	..	1.7	78.0
22.40	Brit Fittings	94	+ 1	3.0	..
14.60	Brown & Tawse	45	- 3	..	..
40.10	Bunzl	38	..	6.3	..
8.68	Cirlyde	283	- 5	5.5	43.2
20.30	Dastel Prt	21¼	+ ½	8.4	11.9
10.70	Central Mk	78	- 1	4.5	..
17.20	Cook (DC)	48	+ 1	3.6	12.3
383.90	Cowie	259	- 7	5.0	21.2
33.40	Dag Motors	138	..	5.9	15.8
26.08	Dewsons Eft	580	- 3¼	1.4	14.6
248.20	Diploma	444	- 3	3.8	15.6
1,013.60	Electrocomponents	482	- 3	2.7	19.7
41.60	Electron House	163	- 1½	2.7	13.7
211.00	Ellis & Everard	253	- 2	3.9	16.8
98.50	Eurodollar	201	..	5.3	15.7
59.00	European Mtr	110	..	5.1	12.0
121.90	Evans Halshaw	381	- 7	4.7	12.0
724.10	Fernell Elect	536	- 5	1.9	22.0
6.76	Fife Indmar	55	..	6.2	8.1
16.10	Gardiner	15	..	6.2	7.1
5.44	Glenchewton	21½	- ½	..	29.7
6.45	Gowings	71	..	3.5	21.5
29.60	Hallam Hldgs	70	- 1	..	54.6
18.50	Harris (Philip)	171	+ 2	5.0	15.0
136.00	Heaps	262	- 5	3.6	14.0
3.03	Holders Tech	97	+ 3	7.7	10.5
42.70	ISA Intl	157	..	2.9	13.4
1,670.00	Inchcape	377½	+ ½	5.9	10.5
5.94	Jacks (Wm)	55	+ 2	..	12.7
287.40	Kwik-Fit	155	- 3	3.2	17.8
281.60	Lex Service	295½	- 16½	5.7	11.3
38.30	Lookers	186	- 9	5.2	..
23.70	Malgar Grp	14½	- ½	2.2	..
43.90	Middlesex	7¼	+ 1	..	..
41.60	Moiban	400	- 20	0.7	17.8
15.50	Northambert	81	- 1	1.8	38.6
13.40	PCT	152	..	6.1	14.7
88.30	Pentagon	237	- 7	4.0	15.6
93.60	Perry Gp	133	- 8	6.8	7.3
29.60	Quick Group	126	..	5.2	13.3
15.60	REA	185	..	4.5	34.1
4.87	Reeco	2¾	..	..	..
7.71	Rees Gp	5¼	..	4.5	..
32.60	SEP Ind	39¼	+ ¼	3.4	..
15.50	TLS Range	43	+ 1	2.9	17.3
120.30	Time Products	227	- 2	4.8	15.3
77.80	Vardy (Reg)	168	..	3.9	12.4
34.50	Wholesale Fitgs	243	+ 3	6.1	21.4
23.80	Wills Gp	17	+ ½	3.7	9.5
58.00	Wilshaw	70	+ ½	1.2	23.6
18.70	Wykot	61	- 2½	2.0	..
12.80	Young (H)	77	+ 3	5.8	..

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
128.70	Adwest	150½	- 2	6.2	15.4
491.90	Antofagasta	313	- 10	1.4	25.3
17.20	Amcoer	47	- 7	4.8	9.8
15,127.20	Broken Hill	913	- 28	2.3	19.1
11,077.70	BTR	304½	- 2½	5.1	16.1
13,662.60	BAT	449½	+ 8½	5.8	11.8
128.10	Bibby (J)	82	+ 3	4.6	15.2
1,185.60	Brierley Inv	45½	+ 1	0.5	..
693.30	Charter	774	- 4	3.7	22.7
1,264.00	Cookson	224	- 7	3.8	20.3
12,036.50	Hanson	232½	- 4	6.5	18.0
302.10	Harrisons Cros	142	- 3	7.8	18.2
6,605.90	Hutch Whamp	221½	+ 9	2.5	18.1
3,193.30	Jardine Math	444½	- 25½	3.3	10.3
5.22	Jourdan (T)	28	..	4.3	26.8
1,202.80	Lonrho	155½	- 1½	3.7	26.8
39.60	Porter Chadbn	42	..	..	..
428.80	Powell Duffryn	608	..	6.2	14.3
28.30	Rogrer	127	- 1	7.4	14.4
905.90	Rolinsons	455	..	5.3	22.1
28.40	Sallrre	11½	..	4.4	..
2,642.80	Sime Darby	125	- 1	3.5	15.9
180.90	Staveley	165	- 4	6.4	51.1
185.90	Suter	158	- 1	7.3	15.3
371.10	TT Group	237	- 7	2.3	..
2,592.30	Swire Pac	218½	- 5	4.4	14.1
797.80	Trafalgar Ho	66	- 3	1.9	..
57.40	Unitas	295	..	6.3	..
528.30	Wassall	274	- 5	1.6	23.5
14.80	Widney	10½	- ¼	2.4	16.9
1,695.80	Williams Hldg	328	+ 4	5.0	20.5

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,469.60	East Midlands	777	- 12	4.4	32.7
1,785.00	Eastern Grp	714	- 17	4.3	15.8
1,385.70	London Elect	702	- 15	4.4	10.7
914.70	Manweb	704	- 14	4.3	9.5
1,475.20	Midlands Elect	774	- 8	4.9	11.9
6,128.00	National Power	478	- 9	3.4	13.1
1,083.80	Northern Elect	973	- 7	3.5	11.6
561.00	Nth Ireland	353	- 7	4.3	9.5
1,259.50	Norweb	810	+ 1	3.3	9.8
4,176.20	PowerGen	532	- 4	3.2	11.5
1,127.80	Hydro-Elect	320	- 3	5.2	10.8
2,708.10	Scottish Power	332	+ 3½	4.6	10.5
1,058.00	Seeboard	432	- 7	3.6	11.8
744.90	Sth Wales	807	- 12	4.5	10.9
897.80	Sth Western	803	- 11	3.9	10.6
2,816.20	Southern Elect	744	- 7	4.1	10.8
1,447.60	Yorkshire Elec	788	- 1	4.4	13.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
53.90	Acorn Comp	80	..	..	..
72.40	Admiral	655	..	1.3	18.5
92.00	Alba	195	- 1	3.3	15.1
154.70	Amstrad	133	+ ½	2.3	..
28.30	Arlen	38	..	..	..
245.30	Astec	79½	- 2½	1.4	16.3
28.90	Astarf	132½	..	2.8	10.7
1,070.80	BICC	303	- 2	7.9	19.1
25.90	Bowles Harder	244	..	5.1	..
28.20	Berkeley Bus	10	..	..	..
159.40	Bick	457	+ 2	3.2	15.1
547.40	Bowthorpe	294	- 4	3.0	16.9
4.68	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13	..	1.7	10.5
36.10	CML Micro	194	..	3.9	12.4
12.80	Chemrng Hldgs	36	- 1	4.3	19.2
52.10	Chloride	21½	- ½	0.6	60.2
12.20	Chyldlbert	66	- 5	5.1	..
14.80	Copymrce	140	+ 30	3.6	..
364.40	Cray Elect	153½	+ 2½	2.0	17.9
65.40	Critchley	487	- 7	2.8	19.7
711.00	Dania Bs Sys	374	- 5	0.6	27.4
676.00	Delta	454	- 16	4.9	19.4
143.60	Domino	542	- 22	2.2	..
103.80	Dowding Mills	70	..	4.6	25.5
95.70	Dracit	1495	..	8.9	25.4
2,265.50	Electrolux 'B'	3181½	+ 21½	1.7	54.8
27.90	Eases	26½	- ½	0.5	..
7,111.50	Ericsson 'B'	3581¼	+ 8¾	1.1	31.4
33.90	Eurocopy	70	- 5	3.6	..
336.30	Eurotherm	377	- 7	1.8	19.4
307.50	Fairey Group	383	- 6	2.8	20.3
18.00	Forward Gp	219	+ 19	3.1	13.5
13.80	Forward Tech	40½	- ½	2.3	8.4
7,513.10	GECT	274	- 3½	5.0	13.5
207.50	Gestetner	105	- 14	2.9	..
88.40	Graseby	137	- 2	5.5	12.9
54.70	Ind Control	132	..	4.6	11.5
129.40	Kenwood Appl	282	- 13	4.1	13.9
453.70	Kershaw (A)	1305	+ 10	3.3	..
4.89	Kode	52	..	9.8	..
3.60	LPA Ind	40	- 1	5.1	27.9
53.80	MTL Ins	298	+ 1	1.8	18.0
134.30	Macro-Sfr	273	+ 8	2.1	18.0
25.80	Microvitec	35	..	..	17.5
280.80	Mitel	288	+ 6	..	..
8.05	Oddst	23	..	3.6	..
3.15	Pacer Systems	67	..	6.9	24.2
88.20	Peek	78	- 1	5.4	19.6
6,746.80	Philips Lmp nv	2009½	- 21½	0.9	9.0
31.50	Pifco	326	- 8	1.9	20.8
21.30	Pifco 'A' Vtg	309	- 8	1.8	19.7
6.55	Plessac	118	+ 1	4.0	..
37.70	Pressac	102	..	3.5	19.6
10.20	Prestwich	25	+ 1	..	..
57.80	Psion	249	+ 1	1.5	17.4
624.80	Racal Elect	222	- 3	2.5	18.3
8.51	Radamec	46	..	5.2	12.6
126.90	Reshaw	216	- 4	2.6	15.8
9.21	Scantronic	17½	+ ½	..	..
28.20	Silverstoes	41	+ 3	2.8	24.3
5.96	Soundtracks	59	..	5.4	..
48.40	Sthn Bust	48	+ 1½	9.7	..
2.90	TDS Circuits	9½	..	..	..
3,580.00	TDK	2727½	- 37½	1.2	..
49.60	Tadpole Tech	199	- 35	..	..
74.10	Telemetrix	81	- 4	1.6	10.3
19.10	TGI	88	- 2	3.2	15.8
13.30	Telspec	348	- 8	8.9	42.8
29.70	Thorpe FW	236	..	1.7	17.3
242.20	TLG	138	+ 2	3.2	19.5
3.84	Tobil Systems	38	..	..	39.5
76.40	Tunstall	233	+ 3	2.1	..
265.90	Unitech	398	+ 15	2.2	19.4
18.89	Verity	8	..	..	21.5
101.80	Volex	284	..	6.0	16.1
15.00	Wholesome	66	+ 2	..	..
73.00	Whitecroft	168	- 1	2.6	18.2

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.80	AIM	182	+ 7	3.1	48.2
170.00	APV	57½	+ ½	9.6	..
135.10	ASW	201	- 3	3.2	..
18.30	Aero Needles	32	..	14.6	3.2
6.46	Aerospace Eng	16	- ½	6.0	..
23.40	Alvis	42	- 5	3.0	..
36.30	Ash & Lacy	138	..	5.8	14.3
57.50	Atlas Equip	553	..	5.8	18.4
12.00	Ayrshire Metal	120	- 1	1.6	14.7
226.80	Babcock	28	+ ½	..	..
64.50	BM	125	- 3	6.2	20.7
113.80	Baynes (Charles)	79	- 4	2.8	20.2
8.44	Beaufort	35	..	..	..
1.94	Bitfutor (J)	115	..	5.8	7.2
178.90	Bodycote	309	- 2	2.3	21.1
3.04	Bonds Inds	78	..	..	..
11.10	Boustead	14	..	4.7	13.2
90.49	Bridon	152	..	3.2	..
1,989.60	Br Aerospace	488	+ 16	2.4	41.3
3,011.90	Br Steel	149½	- 2½	2.5	18.0
88.80	Brockhouse Ind	32	- ½	6.3	15.2
4.94	Brooks Tool	13	- ½	1.8	..
55.30	Bryant	47½	..	..	..
199.10	Bullough	158	- 2	4.9	25.1
32.70	Burnfield	75	- 4	2.1	32.2
14.70	CI Group	17	..	2.2	..
158.80	Cardo Engf	269	- 13½	5.0	15.7
85.50	Castings	155	+ 3	2.3	19.0
10.80	Clondalkin Hill	150	..	5.6	9.5
69.60	Chemring	300	- 5	4.1	14.1
14.10	Clyde Blowers	179	..	3.1	..
233.60	Cobham	369	- 15	3.2	15.4
4.06	Cohen (A)	510	- 3	0.8	..
102.30	Concentric	188	- 1	4.1	14.8
52.40	Cook (Wm)	239	..	3.9	11.2
127.10	Davis Brown	221	- 2	3.7	15.8
87.70	Dobson Park	70	..	6.7	..
162.60	ES	355	- 5	4.4	14.3
33.20	Elliott (B)	94	..	2.7	14.1
53.10	Expamet	84	..	3.9	59.5
658.30	FKI	147	- 8	3.6	17.0
55.40	Fenner	138	..	1.4	64.2
6.22	Forman	25	- 1	..	..
32.50	GEI Int	88	+ 4	3.6	16.1
4.56	Garton Eng	120	..	4.8	..
640.40	Glynwed	307	- 13	4.7	18.0
38.30	Graystone	13	+ ½	2.3	11.0
74.70	Haden Macln	68	+ 1½	3.7	17.6
10.80	Hadleigh	150	- 6	2.1	17.0
47.50	Hall Eng	149	..	8.7	11.7
497.20	Halma	204	- 5	1.6	22.0
20.38	Hampson Indl	52	- 2	4.8	9.7
3.90	Hay (Norman)	26	..	..	..
43.00	Hill & Smith	128	- 3	5.2	..
46.10	Hopkinsons	59	+ 1	2.1	..
14.80	How Gp	53	..	2.7	..
247.30	Hewden	65	- 1	3.7	13.8
185.60	Hunting	170	- 4	7.4	24.3
125.40	Husky Tec	443	..	1.5	28.7
960.40	IMI	291	- 5	4.4	24.7
58.30	Johnson & FB	41½	- 1	..	..
977.20	Johnson Matthey	510	- 22	3.8	19.1
7.71	Jones Stroud	30	..	..	..
9.83	Kalamazoo	317	..	5.1	..
25.50	Linread	288	..	3.2	18.7

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.26	AAF Inds	36	+ 2	..	..
13.50	Airflow Stream	159	..	3.1	15.6
120.70	Avon Rubber	452	- 2	4.6	16.3
783.00	BBA	192	- 5	2.9	..
167.00	BSG	57	- ½	7.0	36.6
17.20	Benson Group	12	- ½	3.4	18.5
46.30	Bostrom	289	- 7	2.6	16.7
13.80	Boustead	21	- 1	6.1	..
22.60	Cawdale	104	- ¼	1.7	10.9
34.30	ERF	250	..	..	..
60.90	First Tech	303	+ 4½	1.7	22.7
1,905.00	GKN	549	- 15	4.7	32.1
16,786.60	General Mtr	2362½	- 175	2.1	..
5,895.40	Honda Motor	1015¼	- 24¼	0.4	..
445.70	Laird	315	- 6	4.3	15.2
6.80	Leadon	345	..	..	..
1,508.40	Lucas	180	+ 8½	4.6	..
113.80	Mayflower	58	..	3.1	22.8
22.80	Motoreiss	85	..	..	9.0
28.50	Syltone	158	..	4.0	17.5
786.70	T & N	150½	+ 6½	9.0	13.1
108.60	Trinity Hldgs	328	- 2	2.5	23.7

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,658.50	All Food	593	+ 13	3.4	12.3
147.40	Acatos & Hutch	266	..	4.3	9.9
318.50	Albert Fisher	45	- 1	10.3	13.3
18.10	Banks (S C)	210	- 3	5.9	7.9
72.30	Barr (AG)	378	..	2.6	..
6.44	Bensons Crsp	35	- 4	7.7	..
882.90	Booker	388	- 4	7.0	14.5
25.90	Borthwick	44½	- ½	3.7	21.1
21.30	CPL Aromas	195	..	1.9	18.5
3,511.10	Cadbury-Schw	421	+ 20	4.8	13.6
17.50	Cass Milling	254	..	3.1	11.5
21.40	Carrollct	153	- 1	8.8	11.1
15.20	Dalepak	131	..	1.9	..
928.80	Dalgety	404	..	6.5	11.3
4.07	Daniels S	49	..	0.8	..
278.40	Devro	212	- 1	3.7	14.3
24.00	Evered	95	+ 11	3.3	35.7
1.18	Famoplast	4½	..	..	..
74.80	Finlay (James)	75	+ 2	6.9	10.2
16.40	Global	13	- 1	4.6	11.8
20.50	Grand Central	52	- 1	..	..
344.40	Greencore	410	+ 5	3.2	..
345.00	Hazlewood Fds	165½	- 1½	7.9	6.6
1,222.10	Hillsdown	176	+ 1	8.2	12.5
97.60	Hobsons	25	- ½	..	..
34.90	JJ Group	84	..	7.2	11.9
55.90	Linton Park	345	..	6.3	9.9
131.30	Mathews (B)	106	- 3	3.2	12.7
429.80	Man ED & F	167	+ 2	6.4	8.2
91.70	Nichols (JN)	331	- 2	3.2	14.8
1,173.20	Nthn Foods	204	- 5	5.4	10.5
8.72	Norlson Fd	11	..	..	..
3.70	Pascoe's	23	..	..	..
78.00	Perkins Food	64	..	8.7	10.7
3.97	Sealy Farm	81	+ 5	3.1	9.2
25.90	Sims Food	75	..	12.5	..
1,540.40	Tate & Lyle	428	- 6	4.2	8.8
22.10	Tozer	230	- 4	2.5	..
127.10	Unigate	353	..	6.2	9.7
9,475.00	Unilever	1164	+ 23	2.7	18.8
11,826.00	Unilever (NV)	7362¾	- 31¼	3.0	14.7
1,090.80	Utd Biscuits	322	+ 13	5.9	26.3
15.20	West Trust	36	..	8.8	24.9
44.50	Yorkshire Food	100	- 7	4.1	11.8

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
283.80	AAH	316	- 12	7.1	11.1
487.60	Amersham	845	- 8	2.4	17.7
21.90	Amgen	47	- 3	..	..
33.10	Assoc Nursg	202	..	1.4	11.6
74.10	Bespak	293	- 2	4.4	15.0
28.10	Care UK	7	..	..	..
43.20	Celsa	72	- 1	..	..
40.90	Cortecs	37	- 1	..	..
74.40	Community H	224	+ 1	4.4	12.9
62.60	CrestaCare	33	..	2.9	..
26.20	Environmed	102	..	2.0	..
9.27	Ferraris Group	85	..	3.3	11.8
67.50	Goldsborough	154	- 2	2.7	..
17.50	Greenacre	18	..	4.2	13.3
13.10	Intercare Grp	48	- 1	9.5	..
33.60	Isotron	370	..	2.2	15.9
234.10	Life Sciences	135	+ 2	3.8	13.4
297.70	Lon Intl	88	+ 1	..	..
34.40	Nestor-BNA	46	- 1	8.6	11.4
4.38	Premier Health	1½	..	..	..
35.00	Quality Care	250	..	2.2	..
80.20	Scholl	119	- 5½	5.7	11.4
141.20	Seton Healthy	341	+ 8	2.5	17.4
10.20	Shield Diag	55	..	..	..
1,749.50	Smith & Nephw	160½	+ 6	3.9	17.9
1.25	Specialeyes	8	..	..	..
54.40	Takare	208	- 18	1.3	17.7
434.90	UniChem	253	- 3	3.4	13.8
174.40	West Hlthcare	342	..	1.6	19.4

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
48.50	Airsprung	203	..	3.8	13.1
8.58	BLP Group	130	- 1	1.0	35.7
2.94	Bristol Blinds	35	..	..	..
37.80	Crest Plr 'A'	93	- 9	7.7	20.8
7.54	Creighton Nit	184	- 3	3.9	11.5
47.40	Derby Group	142	- 5	2.7	..
8.62	Ewart	133	- 2	4.8	..
9.32	Lonhead	4¼	..	5.3	..
32.40	Maybon	183	- 1	4.5	10.6
138.00	Ocibane Intl	258	- 7	5.2	11.7
23.50	Osborne & Little	386	+ 2	2.4	17.1
102.70	Peterson Zoh	421	- 3	4.1	12.2
88.10	Peterson Zoh 'A'	383	- 6	4.5	11.1
2,631.10	Reckitt Coln	622	+ 16	3.5	15.7
54.80	Relyon	269	- 4	2.6	47.3
90.50	Silentnight	195	- 3	8.1	12.2
20.90	Stoddard	31½	- ½	8.3	11.9
12.80	Toromerson	207	..	6.9	..
85.50	Victoria Carpet	125	- 1	4.5	7.1
118.10	Waller Grands	102	- 1	4.4	18.6
411.10	Whirl Widgd	58	+ 1	..	45.2
3.18	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
550.20	Alex & Alex	1256½	- 37½	5.3	..
3,753.50	Am Gen	1708¾	- 66¼	4.1	..
58.70	Angerstein	87	- 1	1.7	71.7
21.80	Archer	59	..	2.1	..
58.80	Benfield	38	..	7.7	..
775.50	Britannic	408	+ 9	4.0	..
78.30	CLM Insce	92	- 2	2.8	..
3,288.40	Gen Holdm	488	+ 6	8.4	18.8
48.40	Delver	35	..	2.0	..
112.50	Dom & Gen	1655	..	2.1	17.7
89.80	FAI	33	- 3	1.5	..
67.10	FBD IE	166	+ 2½	4.1	7.7
58.00	Fenchurch Grp	165	- 2½	6.5	10.8
28.50	Fenbury Under	85	- 5	1.6	61.3
2,355.80	Gen Accident	520	+ 3	6.7	8.4
1,512.00	GRE	173	+ 7	5.6	19.3
67.70	HCE Lloyds	89½	- 1½	1.8	74.6
156.80	Heath C E	258	- 1	8.4	..
102.00	Hibernian IE	397¾	+ 4¼	4.9	7.4
32.50	Hiscox Select	107½	- 2½	1.7	..
121.10	Independent	271	+ 9	4.0	7.3
549.50	Irish Life	181	+ 2	6.5	18.9
155.90	JIB Group	122	- 2	7.7	11.2
2,116.60	Legal & Gen	452	+ 7	5.9	17.2
3,229.10	Liberty Lowt	1350	- 18¼	7.5	6.2
274.40	London Ins Mkt	98	- 1	2.8	34.2
115.60	Lloyd Thomp	149	- 4	6.9	9.8
2,283.70	Lloyds Abbey	390	+ 7	7.0	10.0
82.20	Lombard Ins	231	+ 58	4.2	21.8
370.00	Londn & Man	305	- 4	6.6	16.2
274.40	London Ins Mkt	38	- 1	2.8	24.2
87.20	Lowndes Lmbt	147	- 4	6.6	9.1
3,556.90	Marsh McLnn	4825	- 31¼	3.8	..
35.50	Medfrwd	88	- 4	..	..
79.10	Nelson Hurst	175	..	4.0	17.5
48.80	New London Capt	83	- 2	1.5	..
28.50	Oriel	104	- 1	6.0	..
14.10	Pendrem Trust	71	- 4	3.5	..
13.90	Pendrem Under	105	- 5	..	..
5,665.60	Prudential	298	- 15	5.7	12.9
7.38	PWS	24	- 1	3.1	..
405.30	Refuge	258	+ 8	5.6	19.0
1,712.10	Royal	253	- 7	4.3	5.4
819.10	Sedgwick	150	..	5.8	17.0
56.20	Steel Burrill	117	- 2	9.6	..
27.80	Stenge Hldgs	56	+ 1	6.8	..
2,421.90	Sun Alliance	299	+ 12	6.3	8.3
42.50	Syndicate Cap	85	- 3	1.6	67.9
122.50	Trade Indemnity	87	+ 2	1.7	14.9
839.80	Transatlantic	311	- 5	4.6	28.2
401.80	Utd Friendly	490	+ 17	4.4	20.7
576.10	Willis Corroon	137½	- 7½	6.0	18.2
7.44	Windsor	22	- 1	2.9	7.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,061.50	3i	353	+ 8	2.8	..
34.20	Abtrust Emerg	68½	+ 1	8.4	..
23.80	Abtrust High Inct	78	..	9.8	..
78.50	Abtrust N Dawn	184	- 11	0.6	..
861.80	Alliance	1710	- 8	3.5	..
202.20	American Trust	243	- 4	2.8	..
456.70	Anglo & O'seas	959	- 2	2.2	..
38.50	Baillie Gifford SN	134	- 8	..	..

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.45	Locker (T) A	11½	..	4.3	..
50.70	ML Hldgs	92	+ 1	4.6	11.1
8.58	MS Intl	34	- 1	7.8	14.5
24.80	Mang Bronze	150	..	3.3	11.7
362.20	McKechnie	392	+ 8	4.7	23.0
138.50	Meggitt	83	- 15	7.8	19.1
89.10	Melrlt	109	..	4.3	18.1
20.30	Metsec	131	..	2.9	18.2
167.30	Metrac	482	..	4.0	9.9
668.10	Morgan Crble	304	- 11	5.3	14.8
23.90	Mossic Ashby	294	..	3.8	14.6
6.51	Neepsend	35	..	4.5	17.6
16.30	Neotronics	63	+ 14	3.4	..
1.86	Newmark (L)	40	..	..	..
29.50	OMI Intl	41	..	5.3	..
155.80	Oxford Inst	330	- 1	2.0	18.8
214.60	Powerscreen	245	- 7	3.8	10.5
41.80	Prospect Indst	14	- ½	7.6	7.2
0.99	Radiant Metal	73	..	..	..
33.60	Ransomes	39	- 1	..	..
26.60	Record	80	..	5.6	18.0
144.20	Renishaw	288	- 2	2.0	22.6
127.00	Renold	191	..	2.0	26.5
4.87	Richard (Leics)	58	..	4.8	41.5
27.80	Richardson West	77	..	5.3	16.9
1,957.10	Rolls-Royce	159½	- 3	3.9	29.1
144.20	Rotork	185	- 2	3.2	16.8
34.50	Reblecon	148	+ 3	4.1	16.5
213.90	Senior Eng	71	- 5½	8.0	11.6
26.80	Servomex	260	..	3.1	28.4
2,178.50	Siebe	509	- 11	2.8	16.4
117.30	Simon Eng	75	- 1	..	..
43.60	Six Hundred	81	..	2.3	28.0
728.60	SKF 'B'	1131½	- 15¼	..	..
1,302.40	Smiths Ind	435	- 20	3.7	16.7
338.10	Spirax-Sarco	432	- 11	2.9	18.4
65.00	Sterling Indl	232	..	3.8	15.0
1,591.20	TI	349	- 3	4.2	18.8
7.18	Tinsley (E)	87	- 2	7.2	13.2
53.10	Transfer Tech	55	- 3	7.5	7.9
83.50	Triplex Lloyd	129	..	6.8	..
33.60	Utd Inds	15	..	0.8	..
565.40	VSEL	1488	+ 15	3.0	14.0
17.00	Vesson	11½	..	..	..
570.20	Vickers	173	- 4	2.5	16.3
111.20	Victaulic	251	- 4	4.0	13.4
11.20	Vilera Grp	9½	..	..	..
217.90	Vosper	523	..	1.9	13.8
235.70	Vosper Thorny	738	+ 2	3.2	16.9
207.90	Wagon Indl	446	..	5.1	22.8
488.10	Weir	248	+ 2	3.3	14.8
45.50	Wellman	37¼	+ 1	3.3	61.2
98.08	Whatman	405	..	3.1	15.6
37.80	Whessoe	128	..	2.3	..

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273.40	Baskerst	176½	+ 1½	2.8	..
47.50	Baring Em Eu	38½	+ 1	0.3	..
158.50	Baring Tribune	308	- 3	2.7	..
11.50	Barry Stasq	222	..	1.2	..
280.70	Br Assets	87	- ½	6.2	..
315.00	Br Empire Sec	86½	- ½	1.4	..
3.59	Br Empire Wts	27	+ ½	..	..
614.60	Br Inv	197	- 4	3.1	..
57.30	Brazilian	91¼	+ ½	0.3	..
140.20	Brunner	219	- 3	3.2	..
65.80	BZW Conv	128½	- 2	7.8	..
71.70	Candover	320	..	4.4	..
86.00	Central Euro Gwth	43	- 2½	..	..
28.40	China & Eastern	144	- 6	3.1	..
40.50	Costl Assat	185	+ 1½	2.1	..
5.54	Dartie Inv Inct	78	- 1	13.1	..
44.90	Derby Cap	293	- 2	..	..
19.60	Derby Inc	165	+ 8	13.6	..
7.33	Drayton Blue	58	- 1	16.1	..
43.10	Drytn Eng Int	88	- 2	1.1	..
148.00	Drytn Far East	128	- 1	0.7	..
203.80	Dundee Inc & G	637	+ 3	5.2	..
16.20	Dunedin Japan	82½	- 3½	..	..
50.60	Dunedin Smllr	301	..	3.7	..
2.40	Dunedin Wts	30	- 4	..	..
288.20	Dunedin Worldw	714	- 18	1.7	..
223.70	Edin Dragon	84½	- 3½	..	..
28.40	Edinburgh Inca	34½	..	0.2	..
859.40	Edinburgh	282½	+ 2½	3.8	..
13.90	EFM Japan	139	- 7	..	..
543.50	Electra Invt	314	+ 1	2.9	..
168.60	Electric Genl	185½	+ 1½	2.2	..
8.14	Eng & Caledon	181	..	2.8	..
1.43	English Scot	109½	- 1½	..	..
69.60	European Asset	279	+ 1	2.1	..
79.70	Fidelity Euro Val	153	- 3	0.2	..
77.90	Fidelity Jap Val	74	- 2	..	..
24.60	Finsbury 'A'	154	..	2.4	..
5.74	First Spanish	66	..	0.6	..
183.20	Fleming Amer	272	..	0.5	..
36.80	Fleming Chinese	81	+ 3½	1.0	..
3.48	Fleming Ch Wts	29	+ ½	..	..
111.20	Fleming Claver	281	..	3.5	..
193.90	Fleming Cont	297	+ 1	0.9	..
133.40	Fleming Em Mkts	138	- 4	..	..
80.40	Fleming Enp	201	- 2	3.0	..
430.90	Fleming F East	285	- 10	0.7	..
43.60	Fleming Fledg	346	- 4	1.1	..
29.60	Fleming Hi Inc	91½	- 1½	6.1	..
37.50	Fleming Indoest	68½	- 3½	1.6	..
5.54	Fleming In Wts	33	- 4	..	..
24.80	Fleming Intl	33½	- ½	13.3	..
395.90	Fleming Japan	229	- 5	..	..
394.40	Fleming Mercy	265	- 1½	3.1	..
44.00	Fleming Nat Res	88	- 2	..	..
365.00	Fleming Overs	273½	- 6½	1.9	..
1,365.50	Foreign & Col	130	+ 1½	1.7	..
41.60	For & Col Inc Gwh	97	- 2	1.8	..
195.20	Frgn Eng Mkts	104	+ ½	..	..
64.40	Frgn Enterprise	66½	- ½	1.1	..
126.80	Frgn Eurokt	210	- 1	8.7	..
46.40	Frgn German	118	- 4	0.5	..
331.50	Frgn Pacific	288	- 4	1.1	..
66.10	Frgn PEP	122	..	3.8	..
164.40	Frgn Smaller	157	- 2	1.8	..
48.20	Frgn US Smlr	92	- 2	..	..
3.61	Folcrum Cap	22½	..	..	..
5.05	Fulcrum Inc	45	..	24.1	..
12.50	Fulcrum Zero	144½	+ ½	..	..
95.00	Gartmore Brit	160	..	4.8	..
22.40	Gartmore Euro	132	+ 1	0.9	..
28.20	Gartmore Sml	86	+ 1	14.4	..
30.40	G'more Smlr Cos	211	- 1	3.4	..
22.60	Geared Inc Inv	98	..	10.8	..
25.50	Genl Cons Cap	140	- 4½	..	..
38.00	Genl Cons Inc	105	+ 1	10.4	..
34.70	German Inv	89	..	0.1	..
75.40	Gov Asian Sm Co's	201	- 1	0.2	..
38.60	Gov Eng Mkts	86	+ 1½	0.3	..
34.10	Govett Am Smlr	137	- 2	..	..
17.20	Gov Glob Smll	79	- 4	..	..
41.00	Govett High Inct	82	- 1	8.5	..
602.00	Govett Oriental	335	- 6	0.4	..
223.90	Govett Strategic	228	- 3	3.7	..
45.20	Greenfriar	393	- 5	2.1	..
0.81	Gresham House	19	..	..	..
132.90	GT Japan	213	- 9	0.7	..
83.90	H Govett Smllr Co	117½	- 1	1.1	..
30.10	Hend Highl	115½	+ ½	6.1	..
44.30	Hend Stratt	265	- 5	0.2	..
57.20	Herald	88	..	..	..
92.10	HTR Jap Smaller	92	- 4	0.6	..
0.45	I&S Eul	15	..	..	..
28.10	I&S UK Smllr	87	- 2	3.6	..
309.20	Inv Cap	125	- 5	5.3	..
32.40	Inv Biotech	86	..	..	..
..	Inv Wts	31	..	..	..
30.40	INVESCO Korea	132	- 10	..	..
28.40	J Fry 2nd U	91	- 3	8.8	..
8.90	J Fry Euro U	93	..	6.5	..
123.40	JF Fledg Jap	196	- 14	..	..
25.40	Jupiter Intl Gw	101	- 1	4.2	..
160.00	Kleinwort Chrt	197½	- 2	3.3	..
28.10	Kleinwort E Mkt	103	- 5	..	..

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
35.10	Kleinwort End	112	+ 1	..	..
375.00	Klwrt Euro Prvt	75	+ ½	1.3	..
23.80	Klwrt Euro Wts	39½	- 1½	..	..
24.30	Klwrt H Inc	81	- 1	11.8	..
177.20	Klwrt O'seas	221	- 8	1.9	..
16.29	Klwrt Smlr	123	- 2	3.2	..
95.30	Latin American	105½	+ 1½	..	..
164.10	Law Debenture	723	- 6	3.4	..
21.80	Lazard H Inc	95½	+ 1½	8.3	..
19.42	Lloyds Sm Cap	79	- 2	..	..
7.11	Lloyds Sm Div	39	+ ½	13.3	..
26.50	Lloyds Sm Pkg	108	- 2	4.1	..
53.60	Lon St Laurence	168	+ 1	4.8	..
36.90	Lon Smaller Co's	81	+ 1	4.9	..
67.90	Lowland	289	+ 4	4.0	..
202.00	Lyndburg	1275	..	1.8	..
51.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	315	+ 2	..	..
11.90	M&G 2nd Dual In	119	+ 1	25.2	..
109.10	M&G Dual Cap	2568	+ 3	..	..
17.80	M&G Dual Inc	310	+ 10	..	..
66.80	M&G Inc Geared	65½	- ½	9.4	..
72.10	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	35½	- ½	..	..
86.10	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	35½	- ½	17.2	..
176.40	M&G Inc Package	121	- 1	5.1	..
136.80	M&G Inc Zero Div	55½	- ½	..	..
38.70	M&G Rec Cap	28½	- ½	..	..
572.10	M&G Rec Geared	57½	- 1	8.4	..
38.00	M&G Rec Inc	38½	- ½	17.1	..
144.80	M&G Rec Pacgs	139	- 1	3.8	..
69.00	M&G Rec Zero Div	73½	..	..	..
23.90	M Castle Euro	104	- 2	0.3	..
49.20	M Castle Pac	120	- 5	0.3	..
102.10	Majedie	184½	..	3.4	..
11.70	Marwick	57	+ 2	..	..
257.80	Merchants	252	- ½	5.6	..
464.30	Mercury Euro Pv	80½	- ½	0.8	..
30.50	Mercury Eur Wt	35½	- ½	..	..
383.20	Mercury World	90	+ 1½	..	..
20.40	Mercury Wld Wts	24	- 1	..	..
384.10	Monks Inv Tst	485	- 2½	1.8	..
53.20	Morg Gren Inc	134	+ 1	4.5	..
2.03	Morg Wts	42	- 3	..	..
44.80	Morg Lkn Amer	66½	- 1½	..	..
4.75	Morg Wts	37	..	..	..
28.30	Murray Ent	106	- 1	2.5	..
62.60	Murray Emg Eco	81	- 1½	..	..
17.20	Murray Euro	57½	+ 1	0.6	..
271.50	Murray Incmet	315	- 1	4.7	..

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
361.20	Murray Intl	300½	- 5½	5.2	..
10.40	Murray S/C DP	183	..	..	..
7.28	Murray S/C Cap	130	+ 1	..	..
6.36	Murray S/C Inc	79½	+ 1	17.2	..
1.56	Murray S/C Uts	3000	- 50	4.4	..
221.60	Murray Small	385	- 12	1.4	..
79.80	Murray Vent	323	+ 7	4.5	..
1.25	Murray Ent Wts	26	- 2	..	..
0.90	Murray Eu Wts	15	..	..	..
5.79	Newmarket	16	..	..	..
21.50	NetBrog Inc	55	..	9.8	..
15.40	Netbrog Cap	62	..	..	..
121.90	O'seas Inv Tst	320	- 8	1.3	..
3.30	O'seas Wts	184	- 2½	..	..
78.70	Pacific Assets	386	- 7	0.4	..
9.34	Pacific Wts	288	- 7	..	..
30.70	Perpetual Jap	84	- 5	..	..
17.40	Personal Assets	8700	- 100	2.8	..
44.90	Pilot Inv	121	- 1	1.6	..
8.59	Piper Emg Sm	85	..	..	..
62.80	Prolific Inc	89½	..	..	..
303.60	RIT Cap Ptnr	169	- 2	1.1	..
10.10	River Merc Am Cap	27	..	..	..
7.50	River Merc Am Inct	100	..	9.8	..
0.71	River Merc Am Wts	9½	..	..	..
47.90	River Merc Cap	119	- 2	..	..
34.90	River Merc Ex Inc	94	+ 4	10.6	..
0.78	River Merc Ex IncWt	13	..	..	..
11.50	River Merc Gnl Inc	82	..	11.5	..
9.10	River Merc Gnl Pfd	26	..	..	..
21.90	River Merc Tst Inc	109	..	10.6	..
1.30	River Merc Wt	21½	- ½	..	..
30.70	River Merc Sm Co	122	- 2	4.2	..
1.17	River Merc Sm Wt	24	- 2	..	..
..	Rebeco	407	..	3.1	..
..	Rolinco	416	..	1.9	..
96.20	Schrod Jap Gwth	77	- 2	..	..
7.62	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	30½	..	..	..
50.80	Schrod Korea Fd	789½	+ 1	0.2	..
4.15	Sch Korea Fd Wt	377	- ½	..	..
42.40	Sch Spl Zero Div	112½	+ ½	..	..
8.21	Sch Split Fd Cap	29	- ½	..	..
84.00	Sch Split Fd Inc	113	..	8.2	..
103.70	Schrod UK Gwth	88½	- 4½	2.1	..
..	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	30	- 1	..	..
517.00	Scott	202½	- 1½	3.2	..
338.80	Scot American	151½	+ ½	4.0	..
45.60	Scot Asian	217	- 15	..	..
4.09	Scot Wts	585	- 60	..	..
487.90	Scot Eastern	77	- ½	2.6	..
757.50	Scot Mtge	210	- ½	2.5	..
143.70	Scot Nat Tst	98	- ½	10.6	..
51.10	Scot Value	101½	- 2	2.5	..
288.00	Second Alliance	1500	- 15	3.5	..
253.00	Secs Tst of Scot	79	+ ½	5.1	..
39.00	Selective Asset	135	- 4	7.5	..
24.90	SHIRESCOT	129	- 2	5.2	..
42.40	Sphere Inv	35	- 1	14.5	..
108.80	St Andrew Inv	283	- 5	3.4	..
190.80	Temple Bar	333	+ 1	5.1	..
95.20	Thmtn Asian E	95	- 3	0.7	..
15.90	Thmg Dual Cp	455	- 13	..	..
217.20	Throgmorton	71½	+ ½	4.9	..
405.30	Tyteon Emg Mkt	101	- 3½	0.8	..
392.10	TR Cty Of Lon	143	+ ½	4.6	..
64.40	TR Far East	137	+ 2½	5.3	..
115.20	TR Pacific	86	..	0.3	..
132.90	TR Property	78½	- ½	4.0	..
311.80	TR Smlr Cos	175	- 5	2.7	..
36.70	TR Tech Inv	101	- 1½	2.2	..
18.30	Turkey Trust	185	- 4	1.4	..
81.30	USDC Invest	222	- 3	2.5	..
49.40	Value Inc Tst	111	- ½	4.7	..
12.50	Wigmore	62	- 1	1.0	..
835.00	Witan	222½	+ 1½	3.5	..
23.40	Yeoman Inc	55	..	18.0	..

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.84	Abrdn Stk H	32	..	..	..
489.80	Airtours	430	+ 5	3.5	10.7
11.90	Ald Leis	17	..	..	..
214.10	Alpha Airpts	142	- 1	3.5	..
26.50	Arcadian	38	- 2	..	..
22.00	Baldwin	115	+ 1	3.8	19.8
22.20	Barr & W 'A'	222	- 10	5.8	9.2
92.40	Bluebird Toys	210	- 8	3.6	6.2
65.70	Boosey Hwks	335	..	1.9	19.8
10.50	Brent Walker	3	..	..	..
11.30	Bristol Scots	183	..	2.0	..
2.71	Buckingham Int	2½	..	..	..
68.10	Chrysalis	258	..	1.6	37.8
148.00	City Centre Rest	77	- 1½	2.9	15.6
759.50	Compass Gp	319	- 8	2.7	16.4
65.80	Eurocamp	254	- 1	5.3	15.3
1,124.60	Euro Disney	147	+ 27	..	..
18.90	Euro Leisure	2½	..	..	..
15.70	Fadine Boats	448	..	4.4	20.2
188.70	First Choice	118	- 3	4.2	..
470.60	First Leisure	288	+ 3	3.1	18.0
2,265.60	Forte	240	+ 2	3.9	28.4
31.80	Friendly Hotels	160	- 4	4.5	26.6
7.24	GR Hldgs	55	..	2.5	..
2,805.20	Granada	482	- 12	2.6	14.4
17.70	Hi-Tec Sports	35	- 1	9.9	5.1
9.79	Hornby	118	- 7	9.5	10.3
58.80	Jurys Hotel	173	+ 12½	4.0	15.6
43.30	Kunick	18	+ 1	3.6	..
198.80	London Clubs	278	- 1	5.4	14.2
1,309.60	Ladbroke	166	- 1	2.6	29.3
3.48	Magnolia	61	..	0.2	..
76.60	Man Utd	126	- 5	4.2	2.1
522.50	Mandarin Oml	76½	+ 5½	4.1	20.4
30.30	My Kinda Town	12½	..	..	..
38.50	Northern	72	..	5.2	11.9
57.80	Pelican Gpt	89	- ½	2.6	16.7
66.50	PizzaExpress	124	..	2.0	19.1
9.01	Prism Leisure	106	- 4	5.0	7.4
11.40	Quadrant Gp	31	+ 3	..	..
21.10	Ramsdens (H)	240	- 4	2.3	36.1
3,133.60	Rank Org	378	- 7	4.5	18.9
20.00	Ryan Hotels IE	30½	+ 1½	4.3	17.4
261.70	Savoy Hotel 'A'	915	..	0.5	..
380.20	Stakis	81½	- ½	2.4	..
184.70	Stanley Leisure	344	- 1	2.0	18.8
1,050.40	Tenjong	280	..	0.7	15.7
4,346.90	Thorn EMI	1018	+ 5	4.3	19.4
25.30	Tottenham Hot	158	+ 1	0.8	42.4
66.50	VCI	171	+ 5	1.5	15.3
96.80	Vardon	131	- 1	1.1	23.2
14.20	Wembley	5½	..	..	..
8.45	Zetters Gp	128	- 7	8.3	12.7

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
107.80	Abbott Mead	339	..	2.2	38.7
64.30	Adscene	305	..	2.7	21.8
219.90	Aegis Gp	27	- ¼	..	..
9.62	Allied Radio	7	..	..	..
1.08	BBB Design	13	..	..	35.9
31.10	Barbour Index	184	+ 2	6.0	16.2
5.21	Bindale	5½	..	..	..
4.97	Black (A&C)	320	..	5.3	11.6
172.20	Bleskeln Gp	185	- 8	7.0	6.9
20.70	Border TV	203	+ 5	2.8	17.8
57.70	Bossolt	354	- 4	4.4	36.0
4,399.10	B Sky B	256½	+ 1½	..	48.3
54.40	CIA Gp	133	+ 3	1.6	21.5
34.10	Caledonian Med	23	- 1	..	..
280.70	Capital Radio	385	+ 10	2.4	24.0
2,019.40	Carlton Comms	878	+ 17	3.0	15.9
6.95	City of Lon	88	..	6.2	13.4
67.80	Daily Mail	1350	..	1.5	28.0
996.00	Daily Mail 'A'	1000	- 6½	2.1	17.0
208.80	Dorling Kind	320	- 2	1.3	34.3
801.40	EMAP	406	+ 9	2.7	22.4
4,093.20	Elsevier	622½	+ 4½	3.1	19.9
356.70	Euromoney Pb	1635	- 8	3.2	..
4.89	Filen	11½	..	..	..
321.00	Flextech	344	- 1	..	..
58.70	GWR Gp	890	..	1.8	..
38.40	Gold Greenlees	144	- 3	3.5	17.1
9.29	Goodhead	25	- 3	0.3	..
41.30	Grampian	293	- 15½	3.4	15.7
119.30	HTV Group	136	- 2	1.6	30.4
3.70	Harrington K	37	+ 1	3.4	..
54.60	Haynes Pub	350	- 8	5.2	20.8
118.70	Hodder H'line	340	..	2.0	55.4
16.20	Home Counties	162	..	3.9	39.7
309.80	Independent	258	- 15	2.9	13.3
90.80	Intl Bus Comm	233	- 2	1.9	11.3
6.92	Interlurope	133	..	7.3	33.7
190.80	Johnston Press	143	+ 3	1.7	20.0
10.10	Lopex	19	..	1.6	21.5
52.80	MAID	65	+ 1	..	..
55.20	Maxzi Bollato	558	+ 3	2.5	29.0
153.10	Midland Ind	117	- 2	3.2	15.2
516.50	Mirror Gp	124	+ 2	1.0	6.6
119.60	More O'Ferrall	368	..	4.5	21.2
4,542.20	News Corp	244	- 1	0.6	15.4
1,457.20	News Intl	211	+ 1	0.9	11.2
7.53	Osprey Comms	28	- 3	..	..
3,185.30	Pearson	576	+ 9	2.9	19.8
64.30	Phonelink	181	- 13	..	..
72.40	Portprdn Sund	603	..	2.3	12.4
43.00	Quarto	234	..	3.2	12.7
4,216.90	Reed Intl	749	+ 5	3.2	22.7
7,305.80	Reuters	438	+ 16	2.0	21.9
240.10	Saatchi	109	- 7	..	21.2
58.40	Scott Radio	613	+ 5	2.8	19.5
211.60	Scot TV	438	+ 16	3.6	29.4
30.10	SelecTV	21	- 1½	..	..
51.40	Standerwick	38	- 1	4.4	..
36.70	Southnews	237	- 3	1.8	23.8
43.80	Sterling Pub	84	- 2	4.9	8.8
7.18	Sunset & Vine	126	..	4.0	11.0
73.50	Taylor Nelson	33½	- ½	2.3	20.2
488.40	Telegraph	361	- 3	4.5	12.7
4,222.30	Thomson Corp	725	- 10	5.2	36.2
254.50	Trinity Intl	371	..	3.4	17.1
69.70	Ulster TV	664	+ 11	3.1	20.4
1,171.20	Utd Newspapr	479	+ 4	5.9	11.6
10.70	VTR	103	..	4.9	11.0
8.29	WMEO	12½	- ½	10.4	5.9
814.30	WPP	113	..	1.1	16.2
210.30	Yorkshire TV	414	+ 28	..	..

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.21	Ales Corp	95	..	4.0	..
1,607.70	Ang Am Coal	4000	..	2.4	21.3
6,687.60	Ang Am	3000	- 159¼	2.4	27.5
1,293.10	Ang Am Gold	5356¼	- 462½	5.1	14.1
19.00	Anglo Pac Res	24½	- 1½	..	..
1,100.10	Ashanti	1312½	- 18¾	1.2	..
313.20	Ashton	112	- 3	4.1	..
15,127.20	Broken Hill	913	- 28	2.3	19.1
45.40	Belorchik	180	- 19	..	..
317.40	Beatrix	392½	- 47½	5.8	17.3
3.36	Bioloni	22	..	2.7	27.6
21.90	Blyvoors	91	- 6½	..	..
132.40	Bougainville	33	- 3	..	..
2.46	Bracken	17½	..	5.0	..
40.60	Buffels	369	- 63½	14.7	..
9.58	Butte	4	+ ½	..	..
4,947.00	CRA	830	- 12	2.6	25.7
47.10	Central Pacific	47	- 8	..	..
34.20	Chill Res	47	- ½	..	..
80.60	Coal Inv	84	- 2	..	..
13.70	Cons Murchison	219	..	2.8	..
5,156.50	De Beers	1356¼	- 43¾	3.9	14.4
78.30	Deelkraal	78½	- 5	4.5	6.9
20.40	Doornfontein	51	- 10	..	..
1,577.70	Driefontein	773½	- 63¾	6.0	10.5
14.20	Durban	612½	..	..	..
61.40	E Rand Gold	139¼	- ¾	15.3	4.4
99.80	E Rand Prop	60	..	..	..
51.80	Eastern Trans	80	..	3.6	14.4
342.60	Elandsrand	353¾	- 16¼	3.3	..
1,135.70	Eng China Cl	372	+ 9	5.5	17.9
920.20	FS Cons	773½	- 52	7.5	9.6
13.80	FS Dev	62	+ 7	2.0	..
1,461.90	GFSA	1512½	- 112½	3.3	16.6
439.30	GM Kalgoorli	46	- 2	3.1	16.9
2,679.60	Gencor	194½	- 3½	1.4	24.4
14.40	Gold Fields Prop	141	+ 2	7.6	..
17.20	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	..	..	..
17.20	Grootvlei	127½	- 11½	7.0	7.2
84.90	Gwalia Cons	82½	+ 2½	1.2	9.9
142.40	Harmony	529½	- 16½	..	..
259.60	Hartes	237½	- 12½	11.4	7.3
734.90	Impala Plat	1162½	- 112½	2.1	36.0
147.50	Kinross	118	- 14	10.2	10.7
158.30	Kloof	878¾	- 31¼	7.7	8.7
925.80	Kloof	667½	- 99	5.5	6.1
15.60	Leslie	97¼	- 3¼	10.9	5.7
46.60	Lonrma	248	- 6½	..	..
15.50	Mexicalkens	18	- 1	..	..
0.60	Mlangsm	3	..	..	..
1,495.60	MIM	104	..	2.3	..
2,872.70	Minorco	1275	- 50	2.8	..
61.30	Morarch	169	- 4	..	..
38.80	NSM	98	- 1	..	9.2
1,024.30	Nth Bhn Hill	153	- 4	3.4	22.3
50.30	Oryx Gold	50	..	..	..
159.90	Pancontinentl	72	+ 2	..	..
40.30	Peleling Tin	200	- 25	0.7	..
829.70	Placer Pac	149	- 7	..	..
145.50	RJB	322	..	4.7	15.6
8,408.00	RTZ	788	+ 21½	3.3	22.5
4.99	Reclanted	31	..	..	..
335.50	Rand Mines	552½	- 75	2.0	50.3
283.20	Randfontein	459½	- 110½	10.5	5.9
453.30	Renison	228	+ 2	..	..
1,628.50	Rustbg	1300	- 53¾	2.3	..
136.90	St Barbara	68	- 5	2.1	16.9
46.90	St Helena	486¼	- 58½	12.6	..
161.80	Sons Gwalia	227	- 3	5.3	14.6
58.40	Sthern Pacific	21	- 1	..	..
381.80	Southvaal	1469½	- 16¼	5.5	..
13.90	Stilfontein	106½	- 5	22.4	3.2
46.30	Unisel	165½	- 10½	5.9	7.7
918.50	Vaal Reefs	4809¾	- 303¾	4.6	..
11.10	Wankie Col Z	11	- 1	11.3	2.6
5.53	Water Hall	4	..	..	..
110.60	Welts Blake	529	- 4	2.9	19.9
321.20	Western Areas	797	- 130½	2.0	33.3
541.80	Western Deep	1956½	- 159½	4.5	..
3,769.00	Western Mng	343	- 14	1.1	52.7
84.20	Winkelh	690½	- 78½	4.9	13.7
56.40	Zambia Copper	46	..	..	..
58.60	Zandpan	45	- 3	9.8	10.2

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
112.50	Aran Energy	43	..	..	26.0
26.90	Arcon Ind	45	+ 5	..	..
..	Aus Oil & Gas	52½	+ 1	..	..
15.50	Aviva Pet	49	- 1	..	..
100.30	Br Borneo	223	- 1	4.0	10.5
13,252.60	British Gas	305½	- 2	5.9	..
22,731.50	Br Petroleum	413	- ½	2.9	22.6
16.90	Bula Resources	2¼	..	..	..
1,656.00	Burmah Castrl	828	- 4	4.2	16.5
49.90	Cairn Energy	77	- 5	..	42.4
461.70	Calor Gp	274	+ 5	5.7	13.2
155.10	Clyde Pet	38	+ 1	1.2	..
16.00	Copley Res	9½	+ ½	..	..
38.50	Dragon Oil	2	- ½	..	..
7.31	Edin Oil & Gs	21	- ½	..	22.7
1,977.80	Enterprise	402	- 2	5.0	..
19.40	Fairhaven Intl	8	- 19	15.2	3.3
59.10	Flogas	240	..	6.7	9.9
58.40	Fortune	5½	..	..	35.1
88.80	Goal Pet	67	+ 1	2.7	22.3
45.30	Gt Western Res	40	- 1	..	..
148.00	Hardy O & G	131	- 4	1.0	16.8
47.40	Intl Energy	55	..	3.0	22.1
1,419.10	Lasmo	147	+ 4	0.9	..
3.54	Lasmo Units	50	..	19.6	..
420.90	Monument	63½	- ½	..	67.6
8.77	New London	5¾	- ½	..	..
5,668.90	Norsk Hydro	2475	+ 28½	1.3	..
5.59	Oceanics	4½	..	..	..
131.60	Oil Search	43	+ 1	..	..
..	Petroz	37½	- ½	..	..
95.60	Pict Pet	185	+ 1	..	..
131.30	Premier	24	+ ½	..	13.0
10.90	Presidio	43	..	15.5	..
47.20	Pittencrieff Rs	82	- 4	..	..
51.80	Ramco Egy	267	- 1	0.2	..
354.50	Ranger	368	- 10	5.6	..
38,297.40	Royal Dtch Ft	7143¾	+ 212½	4.5	18.4
8,103.20	Schlumberger	3328¾	+ 50	2.3	..
5.69	Scott Pickard	47	- 1	2.4	9.1
43.70	Seafield	85	..	..	..
23,834.80	Shell	719	+ 19½	4.3	21.8
3.40	Sunrise Eng Sr	#116	..	..	..
7,939.30	Total	3578¾	- 100	5.0	..
11.20	Villas Gp	9½	..	..	..
1,568.70	Woodside	235	- 5	1.6	..
85.00	XCL	45	..	..	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
14.80	BWD	77	- 2	6.8	6.3
38.40	Baltic Plc	127	..	2.0	9.0
4.94	Berry Bch Nbt	75	- 1	8.4	11.5
89.10	Biotec Inv	159	- 2	..	..
24.30	Brewin Dolphin	118	..	6.1	8.7

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
526.90	Caledonia	634	- 16	3.3	17.3
58.20	Camellia	2250	+ 50	1.8	8.9
28.60	Carlisle	18	- ½	1.7	..
144.40	Close Allan	443	- 11	8.0	9.1
202.20	Cattles	148	- 1	4.4	16.7
7.75	Christie	33	..	..	72.9
6.55	EFG	14	..	0.9	9.1
24.30	EFT Group	63½	+ ½	3.4	13.4
135.40	EFM	714	- 9	4.2	21.4
214.40	Exco	174	..	6.1	4.8
361.70	Gartmore	179½	- 1	2.8	20.7
230.80	Gerrard Nat	474	- 14	6.3	13.7
228.30	Govett	326	- 42	5.6	5.4
231.10	Henderson Ad	1075	+ 5	5.2	14.9
446.80	Invesco	170	- 1	2.8	27.9
12.40	Investments Co	45	+ 1	4.9	14.4
62.80	Ivory Sime	215	- 3	4.4	16.7
1,922.70	Jardine Sted	203½	- 14½	4.0	8.2
17.70	Johnson Fry	118	- 11	1.6	3.7
16.90	King Shaxson	97	- 3	11.6	9.6
139.90	Lon Forfaiting	138	- 8	8.4	8.6
74.50	Lon Scot Bk	123	..	4.3	..
727.60	M & G	978	+ 4	3.8	17.1
769.80	MAI	235½	- 4½	4.1	12.8
..	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	92½	- 1	..	..
1,451.90	MAM	799	+ 50	3.6	18.6
11.60	Nat Home Loan	11½	- 1½	..	..
328.20	Perpetual	1243	..	3.5	13.5
694.10	Provident	518	- 16	4.3	16.5
48.80	Rathbone Bro	249	+ 1	4.3	12.3
62.00	Rutland Tst	25	- ½	4.5	12.7
34.50	S & U	292	- 2	4.7	9.5
28.60	Staralink	169	..	8.7	6.3
306.90	SJP Capital	112	- 14	3.3	7.9
275.00	Smith New Crt	440	+ 8	2.8	5.1
3,318.30	Swire Pacic 'A'	341½	+ 19	2.7	..
11.90	Towry Law	77	..	7.3	6.6
20.00	Trio Hldgs	24	..	0.5	18.9
23.70	Union	89	..	6.3	8.2
3.60	Western Selectn	24	..	1.3	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
356.00	Brit Biotech	530	..	..	..
31.50	Cantab Pharms	318	- 12	..	..
167.30	Celltech	236	+ 2	..	..
77.50	Chiroscience	114	+ 3	..	..
40.90	Cortecs	37	- 1	..	..
742.80	Fisons	107½	+ 2	3.1	..
18,867.90	Glaxo	617	- 28½	5.5	14.9
74.40	Grampian Hdg	102	..	6.4	19.8
489.40	Medeva	171	- 1	2.1	13.7
4.38	Premier Health	1½	..	..	..
35.00	Quality Caret	250	..	2.2	..
206.30	Scotia	327	+ 13	..	..
10.20	Shield Diag	55	..	..	..
5,205.50	SmithKline	459	- 14	3.4	17.5
5,502.00	Smithkline Uts	426	- 11½	3.7	16.4
8,682.60	Wellcome	898	+ 310	2.2	22.7
8,372.10	Zeneca	885	- 7	3.9	17.8

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22.90	AG Holdings	127	+ 1	5.4	12.0
83.20	APH	389	- 1	2.9	..
1,910.00	Arjo Wiggins	233½	+ 2½	3.5	35.2
22.60	Aspen Cons	168	..	3.8	18.9
120.20	Bemrose	378	- 4	4.1	13.5
73.60	Blagden	118	..	1.7	51.4
2,085.00	Bowater	417	- 23	3.9	15.7
661.00	Bowater Inc	1805½	- 65½	..	..
74.00	Bowmore Intl	289	- 3	1.9	16.4
152.20	Br Polythene	504	- 1	3.0	17.7
5.15	Br Thornton	32	- 1	17.6	2.8
169.50	Bunzn Gp	123	- 2	2.5	18.1
706.50	Bunzl	166	..	3.1	19.5
39.50	Capital Inds	142	..	4.0	11.1
1,737.20	Caradon Mil	215½	- 7½	2.2	16.7
33.20	Chapper (James)	279	..	1.6	14.7
1,935.80	De La Rue	1003	- 2	2.6	18.2
8.19	Dalyn Group	72	- 1	2.9	13.1
23.60	Dolphin Pack	101	..	5.8	13.0
28.30	Fairway Group	90	..	4.8	16.8
124.60	Ferguson Intl	307	..	5.2	12.3
15.40	Ferry Pick	115	- 6	6.2	..
1.01	Horizonprt	1½	..	..	..
85.70	Inveresk	163	+ 3	3.8	9.8
133.60	Jarvis Porter	296	- 3	2.4	18.6
382.60	Low & Bonar	389	- 7½	3.2	15.9
70.38	MY Holdings	52	..	3.8	12.4
192.60	Macfarlane	239	- 6	2.1	19.2
81.90	Phyaf	172	+ 2	5.1	28.1
892.30	Portals	1065	..	1.9	28.9
335.00	St Ives Gp	338	+ 6	2.4	18.3
1,568.10	Sappi	1044¼	+ 30½	0.5	..
6.13	Senl	8¼	..	..	..
137.90	Sidlaw	201	- 2	6.8	..
780.60	Smith David	501	+ 7	3.1	15.2
2,169.30	Smurfit (Jef)	403	+ 11	1.4	57.5
1.98	Sonict	99	..	3.5	10.6
3.53	Unit Group	33	..	..	..
182.70	Waco	233	- 8	2.1	14.9
223.80	Waddington (J)	216	+ 1	5.0	10.6
43.80	Watmough	372	- 10	2.3	23.5
30.80	Wyndeham	137	- 1	2.6	17.5

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
61.90	Allied Lon	89	- 2	5.4	11.4
141.10	Argent	257	..	..	..
9.89	Arnston Ess	72	- 3	..	..
85.00	Asda	108	- 3	2.6	19.2
211.80	Bilton	241	..	5.0	17.5
103.70	Birkby	213	..	4.0	18.5
3.61	Bolton Gp	13	- 2	..	39.7
40.30	Bourne End	66	..	1.4	..
264.30	Bradford	178	+ 2	4.8	15.0
8.12	Brightstone	116	..	4.0	26.3
1,158.30	Br Land	378	+ 21	2.6	35.9
436.40	Brixton	183	+ 3	5.5	16.3
252.70	Burford	85	+ 1	2.3	27.6
99.10	CLS Hldgs	108	..	6.1	..
61.40	Cap & Regnl	135	- 1	1.5	30.8
688.90	Cap Shop Cts	192	+ 2	4.2	46.2
6.84	Cardiff Prop	228	..	1.4	..
68.80	Citroy Intl	24½	- 1	..	..
241.60	Chelsfield	154	- 2	1.9	52.3
86.40	Chesterfield	441	..	3.5	19.8
43.80	Chesterton Intl	79	- 2	5.2	11.1
7.85	City Site Ests	51	- 1	..	19.2
9.92	Clarke Nickolls	8	- ½	2.1	12.5
4.16	Compcoo	50	..	10.9	4.0
31.10	Conrad Ritst GS	26	..	2.4	22.7
194.80	Daejan	1195	+ 5	3.1	12.2
8.24	Dares Estates	4¼	- 1	..	..
2.60	De Morgan	#5½	..	..	..
31.90	Debenham Twsnt	76	..	5.8	12.0
28.40	Dencora	158	..	5.6	44.4
72.80	Derwent Hldgs	234	- 7	2.5	20.9
52.30	Development Sec	18	..	0.7	..
23.10	Dwyer	45	..	2.1	21.3
3.50	Eleco	32	..	..	..
20.40	Estates Agency	340	- 10	4.7	..
4.60	Estates Gen	21½	- 2	..	..
140.60	Evans Of Leeds	106	+ 1	3.1	17.7
25.00	Ex-Lands	22½	..	2.3	78.5
28.90	Fiscal Prop	66	..	1.2	..
23.40	Five Oaks	24	..	2.6	10.1
2.79	Fletcher Kngt	31	..	6.0	15.4
5.02	Folkes Group	44	..	4.3	..
9.88	Folkes Group nv	41	..	4.6	23.3
208.50	Frogmore	412	..	5.2	14.9
58.80	Grainger	245	..	2.7	43.8
566.30	Gt Portland	175	..	5.9	29.9
165.30	Greycoat	129½	..	0.6	..
118.50	Hambro Cntryw	36	..	9.9	36.6
914.40	Hammerson	323	- 4	3.9	32.4
50.40	Helical Bar	309	- 6	2.4	11.1
34.60	Hemingway	23	- ½	1.8	48.1
3.53	Herrog Baker	21	..	8.0	..
1.65	High-Point	33	- 9	1.9	..
3,094.90	HK Land	115	+ 1	5.5	..
16.00	Jermyn	160	+ 5	..	..
2,820.30	Land Sec	553	- 9	5.5	15.8
50.40	London Indl	325	..	3.8	25.1
27.20	Lon & Assoc	37	..	2.2	25.0
3.64	Lon & Metro	8	..	..	0.3
224.60	Lon Mrch Sect	92	- 1	5.7	15.3
1,518.10	MEPC	373	- 3	6.7	20.3
3.31	McInerney A	5½	- ½	..	..
34.50	McKay Secs	144	..	4.6	13.5
10.40	Mechdale Mre	61	- 2	4.1	9.8
20.80	Moorfield Est	31	+ 1	4.0	..
49.30	Mountview	1075	..	2.6	8.3
139.60	Mucklow (A&J)	143	..	6.5	19.0
9.94	ORB	¼	..	..	1.0
14.40	Olives Prop	28	- 3	..	10.5
168.90	PSIT	137	..	4.4	18.3
191.00	Peel	239	- 9	2.6	45.1
165.30	Pillar Prop	146	- 3	3.2	..
2.91	Power Corp	2½	- ½	..	..
15.00	Premier Land	6½	..	..	21.9
10.70	RPS Group	71	..	4.6	12.8
54.50	Raglan	33	..	..	8.0
30.40	Regalian	26	- 1	..	6.4
15.60	Rowlinson Secs	125	- 15	1.9	8.9
18.10	Rugby Est	100	+ 2	2.8	..
51.60	St Modwen Prp	44	..	3.4	11.9
62.60	Saville Gdn (J)	62	- 1	5.7	17.7
17.50	Savills	48	- 2	5.9	7.8
95.30	Scot Met	73	+ 1	3.4	8.8
41.80	Shaftesbury	86	..	1.5	..
893.80	Slough Estates	229	+ 4	4.4	49.8
45.20	Southend Prop	42	- 7	7.3	..
23.90	Speciity Shops	108	+ 5	2.8	..
13.30	Stanhope Prps	#8	..	..	..
60.40	TBI	38½	- ½	..	1.7
76.90	Tops Estst	166	..	1.7	42.3
122.40	Town Centre	85	- 1	4.0	17.5
59.10	Trafford Park	87	- 1	4.5	14.8
14.50	Trenchermood	19	..	..	..
3.64	UK Land	40	..	..	..
102.10	Warner	210	- 4	7.0	..
86.40	Warnford	226	..	4.4	18.4
130.90	Wates	66	- 4	..	..
1.78	Whitney Mck	27	- 6	..	..
3.77	Wood Jonn D	46	- 12	5.5	9.8
2.38	YRM	18	..	..	..

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,007.60	ASDA Group	69½	+ 1½	3.3	15.9
3,169.70	Argyll	281	+ 7	5.2	12.0
235.10	Brake Bros	480	..	1.9	18.5
39.90	Budgen	24½	- 1½	5.1	15.6
3.56	Cullens	13½	..	..	..
1,332.40	Dairy Farm Intl	77½	+ ½	4.7	10.7
80.20	Fanepak	355	..	2.3	20.2
103.50	Fitzwilton	43	..	10.5	..
261.90	Fyffes	100	..	1.8	17.1
139.60	Greet	193	- 2	5.2	..
121.40	Greggs	1065	- 13	2.2	20.0
420.90	Iceland Group	153	..	3.2	9.5
877.70	Kwik Save	567	+ 18	4.2	10.2
9.78	Merchant Retail	11½	..	..	..
1,029.30	Morrison (W)	144	+ 1	0.9	16.8
179.50	Nurdin Peack	141	+ 2	5.9	7.8
182.60	Park Foods	115	- 8	2.8	23.1
2.10	Regina Hth	1½	..	..	..
7,811.30	Sainsbury J	433	+ 16	3.1	15.3
5,235.10	Tesco	255	+ 9	3.9	12.8
97.10	Thorntons	151	- 3	4.1	12.4
161.50	Watson& Philip	381	+ 5	5.2	13.9

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.10	Alexon	28	+ ½	..	..
217.50	Allders	211	..	4.0	11.0
1,026.80	Argos Plc	342	- 10½	3.0	18.0
178.50	Ashley (Laura)	76	..	0.2	..
107.30	Asprey	134	- 1	6.6	11.0
67.40	Austin Reed	218	+ 1	3.2	10.9
63.00	Beattie (J) 'A'	135	- 4	5.7	17.6
49.90	Benzals	119	..	2.1	41.2
45.40	Bettercare	44	..	8.0	4.7
10.20	Blacks Leist	32	- 2	8.9	..
235.40	Body Shop	177	- 8	1.5	15.6
4,468.40	Boots	471	- 8	4.1	15.0
11.40	Bowes & Jacbs	1¾	..	..	..
327.00	Brown (N)	224	- 1	2.4	19.9
992.10	Burton	70½	+ 1½	3.5	34.7
20.20	Cantors	134	- 14	3.8	19.0
102.00	Carpetright	290	- 2	4.2	30.6
258.40	Christies Int	186	- 4	1.5	39.3
51.60	Church	480	..	3.4	24.4
15.30	Clinton Cards	93	..	6.5	13.1
17.60	C'ty Casuals	93	+ 5	5.8	26.7
194.80	Courts Furnish	795	- 13	0.9	40.4
3.12	Crown Eye	195	..	6.4	8.1
261.80	DFS Furniture	281	- 8	3.6	18.9
803.40	Dixons Grp	202	+ 3½	4.1	21.5
6.96	Dyx (Wimbldn)	580	..	3.8	27.2

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
11.30	ERA Gp	9	..	..	..
15.40	Essex Furn	135	- 3	4.0	16.9
131.90	Etam	261	- 11	4.8	11.1
274.20	Fine Art Dev	344	- 2	5.3	10.6
3.59	Find Earth	69	..	..	..
15.30	Flying Flowers	84	+ 1	1.6	16.2
43.50	French Conn	272	+ 2	..	17.5
147.10	Frost Group	209	- 10	3.2	21.1
12.80	Gieves	56	..	3.3	20.0
28.80	Goldsmiths Gp	128	- 4	1.9	23.0
5,180.90	GUS	515	- 9	3.3	14.8
43.50	Hamleys	197	..	9.1	18.4
4.65	Hampden Grp	31	- 2	4.0	..
372.00	Hse of Fraser	162	- 4	3.9	14.6
16.90	Hughes (TJ)	82	..	3.9	13.6
76.20	JJB Sports	254	+ 13	3.0	15.5
2,721.40	Kingfisher	408	+ 9	4.6	10.7
15.20	Kleeneze	109	..	1.7	..
60.50	Liberty	270	- 23	2.2	..
353.80	Lloyds Chem	291	- 11	4.1	9.4
748.00	MFI	128½	+ 4½	4.1	18.1
10,542.40	Marks Spencer	378	- 3	3.1	15.8
284.70	Menzies (John)	512	+ 11	3.0	12.0
59.70	Moss Bros	351	..	3.0	13.9
950.50	Next	254	- 6	3.3	15.6
1.89	OEM	31	- 4	..	..
23.80	Oliver (G)	84	+ ½	..	20.1
20.10	Partridge Fine	91	+ 3	4.6	..
0.90	Pentos	12	- 1	..	..
54.50	QS Hldgs	138	- 13	4.7	15.1
11.80	Rhino Grp	14	..	4.5	13.3
25.50	Rosebys	127	- 3	4.7	14.9
1,507.40	Sears	98½	- 1½	4.7	16.9
57.20	Signet Group	19½	- ½	..	6.7
1,198.80	Smith WH	430	- 12	4.8	21.8
240.20	Sotheby's	708	- 20	3.9	30.6
919.60	Storehouse	221	- 5½	3.2	18.1
55.00	Stylo	189	- 15	1.8	12.8
103.70	T & S Stores	160	+ 1	4.8	11.3
57.10	Tie Rack	111	- 3	2.6	13.2
5.82	Upton & South	3½	..	..	..
322.20	Vendome	461	+ 1	2.1	35.5
46.50	WEW Group	32	..	2.7	27.1
7.74	Wrd of Leather	84	- 3	1.1	..
59.70	Wyevale	156	- 1	3.7	16.5

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,304.50	Allied Domecq	515	- 8	5.5	13.9
207.10	Belmos (HP)	393	..	3.5	21.2
71.20	Burn Stewart	120	+ 2	5.2	26.4
7,676.50	Grand Met	368	+ 2	4.7	17.3
8,495.80	Guinness	421	+ 3	3.9	13.9
520.70	Highland Distl	489	- 5	2.2	18.7
249.30	Macallan-Glen	214	..	0.7	56.1
94.50	Macdh Mtn 'A'	690	..	1.8	29.7
248.30	Matthew Clark	541	- 3	4.3	24.8
7.74	Morydwn W	71	..	4.4	..
159.70	Taunton Cider	146	- 1	5.8	11.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
170.70	ACT Group	92	- 1½	7.1	9.7
874.80	ADT	630	- 25	..	..
16.70	Alphameric	40	..	..	30.5
83.70	Auto Sec	70	- 1	..	9.1
958.40	BET Ord	102½	- 4½	4.2	14.6
36.00	BNB Res	168	- 7	3.8	19.6
61.90	BPP	235	..	4.7	16.8
41.50	BSM	149	+ 1	5.4	12.7
14.20	Black & Edg	2½	+ ¼	..	..
149.10	Borland	525	..	..	..
45.40	Brit Data Mgt	186	- 1	3.6	13.1
7.08	Brooks Service	59	..	3.7	..
53.20	CRT Gp	79	- 3	5.4	19.2
82.20	Capita Group	150	- 8	2.3	19.1
855.90	Chubb Sect	308	+ 6	2.7	17.8
56.60	Comple People	232	- 3	1.3	52.8
34.00	Corp Services	61	- 1	0.5	22.9
17.80	Coults Castg	53	- 3	0.9	..
237.60	Davis Service	232	- 5	4.4	15.6
6.86	Dudley Jenkins	74	..	5.7	13.8
14.60	EW Fact	80	..	7.7	6.0
36.70	El Data Prc	140	- 3	1.8	13.6
1,173.90	Hays	289	- 10	2.8	19.7
127.60	Hogg Robinson	184	- 5	5.0	11.8
11.90	Holmes Protectn	27	..	..	1.6
7.43	Ind Cru & Data	11½	..	..	5.8
434.40	ISS B Dk	1671½	- 59½	6.3	1.8
53.10	JBA Hldgs	161	+ 1	1.9	16.4
173.60	Johnson Clean	230	..	5.9	9.3
20.30	Kalamazoo	109	+ 5	4.8	12.9
30.70	Kewill Syst	254	+ 11	3.7	9.3
3.06	Lese-Scan	19	+ 2	..	..
17.00	LBMS	78	..	..	..
43.80	Lep	4½	- ½	..	..
194.10	Lopca	314	- 4	2.0	22.1
68.00	MDIS	68	- 5	11.5	4.8
22.40	MMT Comp	198	- 6	3.3	15.7
68.60	MR Data Mngt	123	+ 4	5.6	..
91.80	Macro 4	423	- 7	5.9	11.9
1,261.90	Manpower	1696½	- 3½	0.2	..
121.90	Micro Focus	840	+ 20	..	10.2
46.50	Microgen	118	- 3	8.0	..
199.40	Misys	419	+ 5	2.6	13.0
51.30	MITIE Gp	205	+ 6	1.6	20.7
14.70	Nova Group	27	..	0.9	10.4
7.20	OIS Intl	24	..	9.9	4.5
62.60	P & P	80	+ 3	3.9	19.9
69.50	Michael Page	176	- 1	2.5	28.5
49.40	Parity	118	- 6	2.4	36.7
9.77	Pegasus	155	..	4.0	15.6
5.78	Pennan	105	- 5	4.8	..
54.70	Proudfoot	69	..	8.3	11.8
30.30	RCO	283	- 15	7.4	..
9.73	Radius	35	- 1	1.2	..
12.50	Real Time	178	- 4	2.8	13.5
73.20	Reed Executive	143	..	0.9	..
32.20	Reliance Sect	143	+ 4	4.4	21.8
2,185.80	Rentokil	229½	- 1½	1.7	23.0
80.10	Ricardo Group	136	..	5.5	16.5
22.60	Rolfe & Nolan	185	..	2.7	29.5
120.30	Sage Gpt	666	..	2.0	..
786.40	Securicor (C)	271	- 4	3.8	14.0
32.70	Sanderson Elect	85	..	4.2	12.3
76.60	Select App	13½	- ½	..	..
371.50	Serco Gp	399	- 3	1.1	24.1
165.80	Serco Gp	287	- 1	1.6	28.5
67.50	Servisair	186	+ 3	2.8	27.3
5.46	Sherrard Crop	86	..	..	..
59.00	Stechley	92	..	4.3	15.5
38.80	Stat-Plus	171	- 1	6.7	16.2
25.80	Uniplan	126	- 9	..	..
16.60	Vesoc	13½	- ½	3.7	7.4
10.30	WSP Hldgs	44	..	5.4	25.8
65.20	Warner Heard	274	- 6	3.8	12.6

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25,177.30	BT	404	+ 9½	5.3	14.3
8,307.70	Cable Wireless	379	+ 10	2.8	15.5
70.90	Fibronic Com	169	- 25	0.6	58.9
63.00	Securicor	1518	- 2	0.3	34.6
761.40	Securicor 'A'	940	- 30	0.5	21.4
836.40	Security Serv	763	- 37	1.1	21.2
5,800.70	Vodafone	190½	+ 3	2.0	24.6

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.96	Albion	78	..	5.2	..
39.20	Alexdra W	116	..	6.2	12.4
171.40	Allied Text	491	- 22	3.5	..
2.74	Allins	83	..	12.2	26.3
1.94	Automagic	34	..	..	8.8
259.80	Baird (Wm)	224	- 2	5.0	19.1
5.16	Beckman (A)	43	- 2	10.4	21.1
132.50	Black (Peter)	240	- 1	2.4	13.9
11.90	Bridport-Gndry	119	- 1	3.2	16.3
34.60	Br Mohair	185	..	5.7	19.0
2.80	Campan	#25	..	..	..
4.29	Cassidy Bros	78	- 1	4.4	10.0
77.20	Claremnt Prmpst	173	..	5.3	22.7
164.20	Claremont Ga	304	- 4	3.1	16.9
1,226.40	Coats Viyella	176	- 12	5.9	15.3
449.90	Courtauld Text	441	- 13	4.1	19.8
239.40	Dawson	122½	+ 2½	3.1	..
168.20	Dewhirst (M)	132	+ ½	1.6	18.6
5.04	Dickie Heel	41	..	4.3	12.0
5.31	Drummond	30	..	..	13.5
3.05	Ebsel	34	+ 9	..	..
7.72	Fawpery	66	..	9.3	10.7
16.30	Foraster	147	..	2.8	..
2.35	Foster (John)	21	..	..	..
10.70	French (Thmas)	81	..	5.0	..
31.90	Gent SR	88	+ 3	3.2	19.6
20.40	Haggas	93	..	4.0	13.7
48.50	Hartstone	15	..	2.7	..
46.40	Helene Plc	23½	- 2	10.7	9.7
56.50	Hicking Pntcst	238	+ 1	2.6	16.9
32.80	Hollas	24½	..	3.1	..
5.35	Honeysuckle	64½	..	5.8	8.1
26.20	Horace Small	84	..	1.5	..
19.80	Jacques Vert	208	+ 3	3.2	8.5
4.35	Jerome (S)	58	..	1.7	7.4
58.50	Jones Stroud	339	- 5	3.4	16.3
16.30	Lambert	136	+ 3	6.2	13.0
100.20	Lamont	333	- 7	4.7	11.1
72.90	Leeds	253	- 20	3.1	13.1
22.60	Leslie Wise Gp	65	..	7.7	13.7
5.98	Lyles (S)	53	..	5.3	8.7
46.10	Marlingt	26	- ½	3.2	..
1.92	PEX	10	..	..	..
13.80	Parkland	155	- 3	4.8	9.2
377.50	Pentland	104½	+ 1½	3.5	20.7
15.20	Pittards	70	- 1	3.1	..
126.60	Readicut	65	..	5.8	10.9
10.40	Rearon	66	..	5.3	7.0
11.20	Richards	48	- 1	5.2	..
2.16	SEET	54	+ 1	..	..
89.70	Sherwood Gp	80	..	4.8	9.3
8.18	Shiloh	141	+ 1	3.1	8.6
55.50	Sirdar	103	..	8.6	14.9
46.70	Stirling Gp	53½	- ½	4.6	14.8
29.00	Strong & Fisher	17	- 1	7.4	11.6
15.00	UK Safety	39	- 1	8.3	9.5
7.87	Usher (Frank)	114	- 2	7.7	8.7
35.90	Vnal	65	..	2.4	18.9
8.55	Wensum	114	+ 5	3.2	16.6
25.10	Yorklyde	251	..	3.1	11.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.79	Air London	65	..	6.7	12.4
9,602.10	All Nippon Air	665½	- 28¾	0.3	..
1,050.30	Assoc Br Ports	278	+ 3	2.2	22.2
4,761.60	BAA	465	- 1	2.5	18.1
166.00	Badgerline	131	+ 1	3.9	..
3,562.20	Br Airways	373	+ 14	3.8	10.1
33.20	Center Tran R	30	..	..	..
21.50	Clarkson (H)	96	..	2.3	24.1
24.20	Dart	156	..	3.1	15.0
1,306.50	Eurotunnel Uts	294	- 3	..	..
12.18	Fisher (James)	50	..	..	..
136.80	Forth Ports	466	..	2.1	21.3
93.60	GRT Bust	246	+ 6	1.9	19.0
56.10	Go-Ahead	168	+ 1	3.0	20.9
114.60	Goode Durrant	213	- 2½	3.7	16.7
39.90	IoM Steam	133	..	4.1	10.1
13.10	Jacobs JD	64	- 3	3.2	..
64.80	Lon O'Seas Frts	75	+ 1	6.3	1.8
321.80	Mersey Docks	360	- 15	3.3	17.4
1,143.80	NFC	165	- 3½	5.4	16.9
125.20	Nati Express	313	- 5	3.1	18.1
441.10	Ocean Group	288	+ 4	6.2	14.5
27.80	Ocean Wilson	70	+ 2	5.7	10.1
3,413.00	P & O Dfd	566	- 4	6.7	17.5
115.30	P & O 5.5%	173	..	4.0	..
22.80	Seacon	92	- 1	3.3	..
331.50	Stagecoach	224	..	2.4	22.3
580.40	TNT	98	- 3	..	..
301.90	Tibbet & Britn	683	- 10	2.7	17.5
253.90	TDG	199	+ 2	6.0	13.4
27.60	Uglandt	114	- 4	2.6	..
32.30	Utd Carriers	95	..	2.1	..

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,407.40	Anglian	475	+ 1	6.2	10.7
59.10	Mid Kent Hldgs	328	+ 6	4.5	11.1
1,858.20	North West	495	- 12	6.0	7.1
488.50	Northumbrian	685	+ 4	4.7	7.4
1,783.30	Severn Trent	494	- 2	5.9	8.2
109.30	South Staffs	1865	+ 5	3.6	11.4
601.00	South West	477	- 10	6.9	7.1
898.50	Southern	531	- 4	5.6	7.7
1,839.10	Thames	463	- 2	6.3	7.0
854.70	Welsh	587	- 9	5.6	6.5
690.10	Wessex	275	+ 7	5.5	7.2
975.90	Yorkshire	486	+ 1	6.0	7.1

Source: Finstat

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	99	+ ⅛	3.02	6.06
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101	- ⅛	10.08	6.70
640	Treas 12¾% 1995	104½	- ⅛	12.20	6.83
770	Treas 14% 1996	106	- ⅛	13.15	7.07
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	109	- ⅛	13.95	7.40
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	106	- ⅛	12.39	7.53
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	103	+ ⅛	9.67	7.90
1,999	Treas 7% 1997	97	+ ⅛	7.17	8.12
1,299	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	..	12.12	8.05
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+ ⅛	10.05	8.10
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+ ⅛	8.66	8.31
830	Exch 15% 1997	115	+ ⅛	12.96	8.40
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+ ⅛	9.44	8.49
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	+ ⅛	7.50	8.47
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95	+ ⅛	7.09	8.49
970	Treas 14% 1996-98	115	+ ⅛	12.15	8.63
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121	+ ⅛	12.76	8.55
3,869	Exch 12% 1998	110	+ ⅛	10.84	8.64
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103	+ ⅛	9.22	8.57
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	+ ⅛	10.91	8.66
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	106	+ ⅛	9.85	8.63
5,900	Treas 6% 1999	90	+ ⅛	6.63	8.57
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+ ⅛	9.66	8.68
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	101	+ ⅛	8.86	8.69
2,500	Treas 8% 2000	97	+ ⅛	8.21	8.55
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	118	+ ⅛	10.89	8.71
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	105	+ ⅛	9.45	8.75
4,950	Treas 7% 2001	91	+ ⅛	7.64	8.65
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	105	+ ⅛	9.25	8.76
7,950	Treas 8% 2003	96	+ ⅛	8.33	8.67
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	107	+ ⅛	9.31	8.75
1,820	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	+ ⅛	10.25	8.88
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	+ ⅛	4.72	7.32
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	105	+ ⅛	9.03	8.68
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	87	+ ⅛	7.68	8.59
4,400	Treas 8½% 2005	99	+ ⅛	8.55	8.56
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	105	+ ⅛	9.00	8.66
2,299	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121	+ ⅛	10.30	8.94
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	93	+ ⅛	8.26	8.59
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	95	+ ⅛	8.39	8.63
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	+ ⅛	10.17	8.97
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	99	+ ⅛	8.58	8.58
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127	+ ⅛	10.56	8.96
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	103	+ ⅛	8.71	8.57
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	95	+ ⅛	8.39	8.58
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	80	+ ⅛	7.72	8.45
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	104	+ ⅛	8.65	8.54
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	104	+ ⅛	8.64	8.53
1,080	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	+ ⅛	7.40	8.29
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	95	+ ⅛	8.36	8.48
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	+ ⅛	8.34	8.49
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	+ ⅛	8.50	8.45
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	+ ⅛	9.20	8.68
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41	+ ⅛	8.44	..
475	Treas 2½%	29	+ ⅛	8.62	..
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	+ ⅛	2.33	3.98
800	Treas IL 4⅜% 1998	107	+ ⅛	2.89	3.79
1,580	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168	+ ⅛	3.46	3.98
1,380	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+ ⅛	3.55	3.91
1,000	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	108	+ ⅛	3.55	3.88
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	169	+ ⅛	3.62	3.86
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	+ ⅛	3.67	3.89
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	+ ⅛	3.70	3.98
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	+ ⅛	3.71	3.89
2,780	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+ ⅛	3.73	3.90
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	+ ⅛	3.76	3.90
2,950	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	+ ⅛	3.75	3.88
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	+ ⅛	3.78	3.91

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: BAA (Q3), Continental Foods, Filtronic Comtek, Haynes Publishing, Property Trust, Radiant Metal Finishing, TR Smaller Companies Inv Trust, Wintrust, Zetters Group. **Finals:** Bullough, Caldwell Investments, Motor World, St Andrew Trust. **Economic statistics:** Major British banking groups' mortgage lending (December).

TOMORROW

Interims: Adscene Group, Aromascan, Bamato Exploration, BCE Holdings, Budgens, Edinburgh Small Companies Trust, Excalibur Group, Farepak, FII Group, Free State Development, Games Workshop, Union Square. **Finals:** Eastman Kodak, Fleming American Investment, Gardiner Group, Ivory & Sime Isis Trust. **Economic statistics:** Overseas direct investment (1993), monthly digest of statistics (January), agricultural income figures (1993), economic trends (January), economic trends annual supplement (1995), M0 figures (January — provisional).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Bucknall Group, TR City of London. **Finals:** Heavitree Brewery, Standard Platforms. **Economic statistics:** Overseas travel and tourism (November).

THURSDAY

Interims: Allied Leisure, Kleinwort High Income. **Finals:** Edinburgh Java Trust, Fyffes, Gartmore British Inc & Growth, P&P, Porvair, Updown Investment Co. **Economic statistics:** UK official reserves (January).

FRIDAY

Interims: None scheduled. **Finals:** None scheduled. **Economic statistics:** Insolvency statistics (Q4), bankruptcy statistics (Q4), major banking groups' quarterly analysis of lending (Q4), full monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets, bill turnover statistics, lending secured on dwellings, official operations in the money market, sterling certificates of deposit, sterling commercial paper and credit business) (December).

COMPANIES — PHILIP BANGHAM

BAA thrives on crowded skies

BAA: A relatively quiet week for companies reporting will be dominated by today's third-quarter figures from BAA, the airports operator. Sir John Egan, chief executive, should provide evidence of the benefits for BAA of the crowded skies as more people travel by air and healthy spending levels continue at airport shops, regardless of the mood in the high street.

Mike Powell, at NatWest Securities, expects third-quarter pre-tax profits to advance to £65 million (£55 million), giving £327 million for the year to date. Earnings are predicted to climb to 4.7p (4.4p) a share. Market profit forecasts range from £61 million to £68 million.

BAA will benefit as its airports handled about 20.2 million passengers in the third quarter, representing an increase of 8.4 per cent over the comparative period. NatWest says revenue from airport charges will have risen in accordance with the current RPI minus 4 per cent formula to £73 million. However, there will probably be a slowing in the rate of growth in retail income per passenger as disruption continues from the extensive redevelopment of several of BAA's terminals. Income from retail activities is expected to increase its share of total revenues, rising 9.5 per cent to £127 million. This is in spite of redevelopment disruption, expected to restrict third-quarter growth in retail income per passenger to 1.5 per cent.

NatWest retains a "hold" stance on the shares, as BAA's long-term growth in profitability is linked to a regulatory review of airport charges and permission to build the new Terminal Five at Heathrow airport.

Work on the new terminal would start in 1997 if approval is gained, with a public inquiry due this May.

GARDINER GROUP: NatWest Securities expects tomorrow's final pre-tax profits from the security systems distributor to slip to £3.5 million, against £4 million last time, as the effects of increased competition continue to take their toll on the group's margins. An improved interim dividend of 0.8p (0.73p) is predicted.

BULLOUGH: The acquisitive engineering-to-office products group is today expected to report final pre-tax profits of £17.5 million (£7.8 million), according to UBS. The results should demonstrate that Bullough's refrigeration, engineering and office products divisions continue to improve, though growth in the heating arm may have slowed. Forecasts range from £16 million to £17.5 million. A maintained 4.3p dividend is predicted.

HAYNES PUBLISHING: The car and motorcycle maintenance manual publisher should drive to a modest improvement in first half pre-tax profits to £2.2 million (£2.1 million) when it reports today, according to David O'Brien at Beeson Gregory.

The group should have benefited in the second quarter from a price promotion by Halfords and a television advertising campaign, though November is thought to have been more difficult because of the mild weather. Apart from the historic results, analysts will be keen to hear how the group fared during the important Christmas trading period. New title launches, including the life stories of Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher, should boost the publishing division.

ZETTERS GROUP: Today's interims from Zetters will provide further evidence of the extent to which the UK football pools industry is being hurt by the National Lottery. Vernons, Zetters' rival football pools company, has already announced redundancies as the lottery, which was introduced in November in a hail of publicity, diverted revenue and maintained a tight grip on the public's imagination. Zetters made interim profits of £421,000 last time. This time's half-year figures to end-September should be unscathed by Britain's latest gambling craze, though the story may be different from now on.

BUDGENS: The supermarket price wars will not have made life easy. NatWest Securities says deflation and attrition is likely to remain a feature that will undermine sales when the smaller supermarkets group reports tomorrow. However, the warm summer weather and extended opening hours at selected stores should have helped to underpin like-for-like sales. NatWest has pencilled in a modest rise in interim pre-tax profits to £3.2 million (£3.1 million) on an FRS3 basis. An unchanged 0.3p interim is forecast.

FYFFES: Michael Bourke, at Panmure Gordon, is looking for the Dublin-based fruit and vegetable distributor best known for its bananas, to unveil final pre-tax profits of £34 million (£31.8 million) when it reports on Thursday. An improved 1.5p (1.4p) interim is predicted. Fyffes should reveal steadier profits from bananas than its rival Geest, where supply was hit by the severe tropical storms in the Windward Islands. But there may be lower investment income from the group's cash pile, which is still thought to stand at more than £50 million, in spite of a string of acquisitions in the year.

P&P: The computer services and training group should please the City with nearly doubled profits on Thursday. Panmure Gordon, the house broker, has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £7.9 million (£4.1 million). Market forecasts range from £6.8 million to £8 million.

Sir John Egan, of BAA, wants approval for Heathrow's Terminal Five to underpin growth

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Spotlight on interest rates

THIS could be a crunch week for interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic. In the US, the policy-making Federal Open Market Committee meets tomorrow and on Wednesday amid very strong speculation that the Fed will order the seventh rise in the Federal Funds rate since the beginning of last year.

In Britain, the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday to discuss interest rates. The City believes that recent figures, including last week's fourth quarter GDP figures, justify another rate rise. But it remains divided on whether the two men will wait until March in order to see whether December's buoyant growth and signs of price pressures continued in January.

To top it all, the Bundesbank meets on Thursday. Most commentators have assumed that the next move in German interest rates would be upwards. But Edgar Meister, Bundesbank board member, said on Friday that the bank may return to a variable rate repurchase agreement and was not interested in seeing a rise in interest rates. This was taken as a hint that at least some members of the policy-making council may favour an easing in rates, but others said it would be difficult for Germany to resist the pressure of rising rates in Britain and the US.

For Britain, the monthly monetary meeting will be the economic centrepiece of the week, particularly as it comes less than a week before the Bank of England publishes its Inflation Report. Previously, base rate rises have been timed to coincide with the report.

Other economic indicators this week include January figures for M0 narrow money supply today and the Purchasing Managers' Index on Wednesday. Official reserves figures are out on Thursday and the Halifax produces its latest house price index on Friday.

JANET BUSH

The Sunday Times: **Buy:** Babcock International, Neotronics, P&P, Rubicon. *The Observer:* **Buy:** P&P, Marks and Spencer, Tate & Lyle, Just Group. **Hold:** Menvier Swain, Misys. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy:** Manweb, Watson & Philip, Allied Domecq, MAI. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy:** Capital Radio, Capital Shopping Centres, P&P, Watson & Philip, Wyko, Stirling Petroleum ("for the bold").

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Kingfisher blue

CONSERVATIVE party fund-raisers will be pleased to learn that Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy has survived the upheaval at Kingfisher, which paid £25,000 to the Conservative Board of Finance last year. Given the chill winds on the high street, what future for the contribution without Sir Geoffrey at the helm? Further comfort is drawn from the presence of Sir Nigel Mobbs, now *acting chairman, having* played a key role in the board changes. A staunch Tory, Sir Nigel is also chairman of Slough Estates, which is a regular contributor to party funds.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Companies line up to float as City regains appetite

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE City's appetite for new issues is returning as another wave of companies seeks to float at a time when corporate activity is hotting up.

PTS Group, the heating and plumbing products distributor, plans to float by early spring. The group is likely to be capitalised at £18 million to £20 million. A placing, sponsored by Albert E Sharp, will raise money to pay debts and fund future expansion.

Roy Swindale, managing director, founded the company with two branches in 1984. It now has 28 in the South East, East Anglia and the Midlands. Pre-tax profits were £927,000 in 1993, on £40.4 million turnover. A "significant increase" is expected from 1994 profit.

Mr Swindale said: "A listing will provide PTS with a strengthened balance sheet and will give management the flexibility and resources to develop the group."

SGI, a wire and steel products group, is also seeking a listing in the spring, likely to capitalise it at about £45 million. SGI, formed after a £50 million-plus management buy-in from Transport Development Group in 1989, fabricates steel reinforcing bars for the construction industry.

After the buy-in, SGI was hit by recession in many markets, prompting cuts in its steel operations and refocusing on wire products. SGI has now been reshaped and its markets look healthier. The company is a leading supplier of wire for UK supermarket trolleys.

SGI hopes to raise about £30 million of new money via a placing and intermediaries offer. Proceeds will reduce debt and fund expansion. J O Hambro Magan is sponsor, with Smith New Court broker.

SGI made operating profits of £4.7 million in the year to December 31, 1993, on turnover of £111 million. "Significant advances" are expected for 1994.

Superframe Group, a supplier of acrylic shelf management systems to retailers, aims to float in the "very near future". The Hertfordshire company, has annual turnover of about £4 million. A placing by Keith, Bayley, Rogers, the stockbroker, is likely to value the company at nearly £4 million.

BAS International Holdings, a supplier of consumer merchandise, on Friday postponed flotation after issuing a pathfinder prospectus. Its directors blamed market conditions. BAS had hoped to raise up to £9 million by a share placing, capitalising it at £22 million.

Jonathan Cook, left, PTS finance director, and Roy Swindale

Guardian scoffs at bid plan for The Observer

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

REPORTS that The Guardian Media Group (GMG) is taking seriously a £30 million bid plan for The Observer from Tiny Rowland, the industrialist, were dismissed yesterday as "pure fantasy". Hugo Young, chairman of the Scott Trust, the independent board that runs both *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, said the idea that the Guardian group would be prepared to re-sell the Sunday title less than two years after buying it for £27 million from Lonrho, was absurd. He said: "If a formal approach were made, it would be summarily rejected."

Mr Rowland, whose reign at Lonrho ended last November, has reportedly told friends he regretted selling *The Observer* in June 1993 and that he would be willing to buy it back.

BBA to sell US business

BBA GROUP, the engineering to motor components company, is selling Scandura North America, a maker of conveyor belts for the mining and industrial markets, for $40 million. The sale fits BBA's strategy of concentrating on a smaller number of mainstream businesses in which it can generate improved returns. Scandura made an operating profit of $1.3 million in 1993. Proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce group borrowings.

Polly Peck team meets secretly with casino chief

Sale talks for Nadir hotels

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI) are discussing the possible sale of its luxury hotels in northern Cyprus to a Turkish Cypriot businessman who was questioned by police over the New Year's Eve bombing of a Nicosia bank.

Chris Barlow, of the administrators Coopers & Lybrand, said he and his colleagues had for some months been talking secretly to Ibrahim Karagozlu, who owns half of International Games Organisation, the company which owns the casino at the Jasmine Court Hotel, the jewel in PPI's northern Cyprus crown.

Contacts have continued since the bombing, Mr Barlow said. No charges were brought against Mr Karazoglu or his accountant, who was also interviewed by police. Cetin Karahan, the northern Cyprus chief of police, said Mr Karagozlu had been brought in for questioning after allegations that he and his accountant were involved in the blast.

The Jasmine Court Hotel is still run by Asil Nadir, the fugitive former head of PPI, despite the administrators' persistent attempts to gain control of the property for Voyager Kibris Limited (VKL), the legal owner and part of the PPI empire.

International Games Organisation has been trying to buy VKL's hotels in order to become its own landlord at the Jasmine Court casino. The thriving hotel business has served as Mr Nadir's cash cow since he jumped bail in England in 1993 and fled to his native northern Cyprus.

Elmas Guzelyurglu, owner of Everest Bankasi, the bombed bank, has also been trying to buy the PPI hotels and other assets in northern Cyprus still under Mr Nadir's control. The PPI portfolio in northern Cyprus has a book value of about £50 million and has proved the hardest nut to crack for the administrators, who are keen to realise the assets and do not want to wait until they secure control from Mr Nadir. But court cases scheduled for next month in northern Cyprus could oblige the local authorities to secure legal control for the rightful owners, wresting them from Mr Nadir.

Elmas Guzelyurglu, owner of the Nicosia bank that was bombed on New Year's Eve

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

BLONDINETTE

(a) A breed of oriental frilled pigeons, from the French *diminutive meaning literally "a little blonde girl". The blondinette has been produced in recent years, according to Mr Caridia. The blondinettes bear the same relation to the satinettes, in their several varieties, as the schietti or wholecoloured Triganicas do to the gazzi or pied ones. The blondinettes are grouse-legged and generally peak crested."*

DISSAVA

(c) A governor of a district of what was called Ceylon, from the Sinhalese *disāwa*. "The Dissavas, as long as they hold their office, are allowed by the king a certain portion of land for their services."

FANAGALO

(c) A lingua franca of southern Africa, made up of elements of Zulu/Xhosa, English, and Afrikaans. Formerly called *Kitchen Kaffir* or *Mine Kaffir*. "The appelation *Fanagalo* probably derives from *kuluma fana ga lo* meaning 'to speak like this'."

BIGARADE

(a) The Spanish bitter orange, frequently attributively, as in *bigarade sauce*, a sauce flavoured with this orange, also applied to a dish (usually roast duck) having this sauce as a dressing. "The bitter or bigarade oranges are used for making marmalade."

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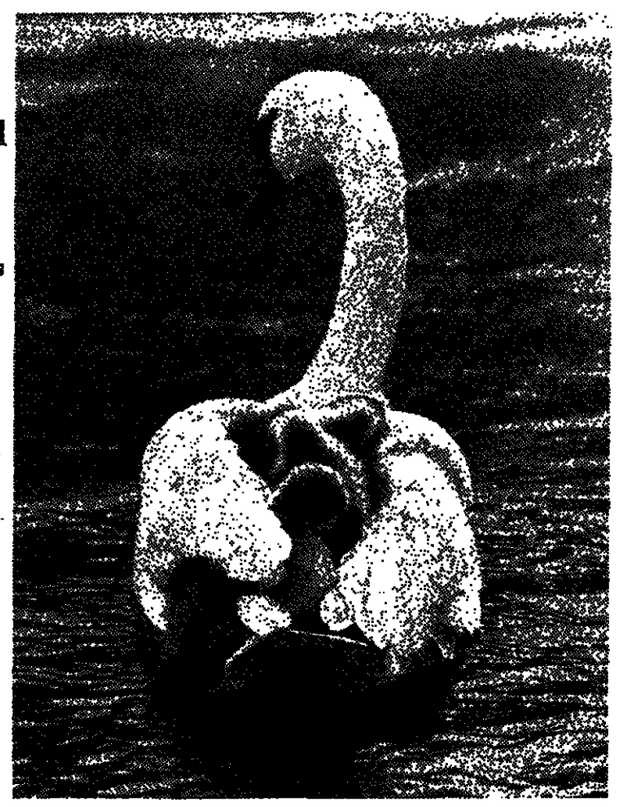

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Unwelcome way to fix a great British deal

Just a week ago, Glaxo launched what promises to be the biggest takeover in British history. The excitement is not just about money, though £9 billion would still make most people whistle. The bid is the key to a new strategy by Glaxo to adapt to a radically changed market for pharmaceuticals. Governments, insurance companies and treatment companies aim to cut their soaring costs — by using more generic drugs that have lost patent protection, by shunning expensive new drugs unless they offer a big advance and by using their buying power to force prices down.

To combat this, some drug companies, including the Anglo-American SmithKline Beecham, have made a vertical move into treatment management. Others aim to get nearer the consumer by expanding into the over-the-counter business, where brand power can take over when patents run out. Glaxo, while not ruling such moves out, reckons that customer power will make the industry follow the path of other worldwide businesses, where a few global multinationals have become dominant, leaving smaller firms only as niche players.

Buying Wellcome would be the first crucial step on this ambitious road. Glaxo is already virtually equal first with Merck, on the back of Zantac, its ageing blockbuster anti-ulcer drug. But it has only 3.9 per cent of the world market. Glaxo Wellcome would have 5.3 per cent, making an all-British company the undisputed world leader — until the next big deal.

As articulated by Sir Richard Sykes, the research man who now runs Glaxo, this concept is impressive and convincing. Adding Wellcome would bring a world-league portfolio of anti-viral drugs, widening the combined group's expertise, while allowing savings of perhaps £600 million a year on overlapping research and marketing spending. Not that Glaxo wants to cut research. But it reckons that research now has to be more intensive and development faster, requiring heavy investment in new methods and equipment. And it is reassuring that, by this combination, Britain would be virtually guaranteed a place in the forefront of the future world pharmaceutical industry, one of the few in which it is an admired world leader.

There is, however, something missing from this seemingly happy prospect. No one bothered to ask Wellcome. Well, not until half an hour before the bid was announced. Instead, Sir Richard fixed up a deal with Sir Roger Gibbs, senior trustee of the Wellcome Trust, which has committed its dominant stake of

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almost 40 per cent to Glaxo, unless there is a higher bid from a third party, or the courts disapprove. Sir Roger, though used to monthly meetings with John Robb, executive chairman of Wellcome, did not bother to tell the company either, at least not until the morning of the bid, after the deal was done.

This is, indeed, Anglo-Saxon capitalism at its most brutal — and silly. It might be understandable if Wellcome was some failing basket case, an ill-regarded problem area for the trust. But it is not. Far from it. Wellcome is, in its own right, one of Britain's leading growth companies with fine products and enviable finances. Behind Glaxo, it is one of the country's biggest research organisations. Even at the rather depressed price of 688p, ahead of the bid, Wellcome shares had multiplied in value 5.7 times since the trust first put some on the market nine years ago. In the four years to August 1993, pre-tax profits soared from £302 million to £667 million, earnings per share increased 125 per cent and dividends have more than trebled. Results for the 16 months to end-December should not spoil this sunny picture.

Yet Sir Roger, his co-trustee Sir Peter Cazalet and the trust board have imperiously ruled, over a champagne supper at Robert Fleming, their hot-shot adviser, that Wellcome will simply cease to exist in about a month's time. Given the realities of the stock market, the Wellcome board's only alternative to being bought by Glaxo is to go, cap and sales pitch in hand, to foreign drug companies, trying to persuade one to come up with a higher offer during this brief period.

There is something distasteful about the arrogance displayed by the trust. Under Sir Henry Wellcome's will, it had stewardship of the company. The trust deed has since been varied to allow the trustees to sell most of Wellcome and increase trust income in accordance with the conventional legal duty of trustees. This duty will doubtless be called in aid when Wellcome asks the courts to approve this further variation. While acting as just another shareholder, however, the trustees have loftily taken it upon themselves to decide the fate of the company, in effect by conducting a quick auction. Yet on the last occasion they sold shares, they agreed a public pact with the Wellcome board that the trust would hold its remaining stock until 1997 and not encourage or solicit a takeover bid.

This agreement, it seems, was not legally binding. That is as well. The trust's excuse for binding itself to accept the Glaxo bid at the first possible occasion, in the absence of a higher offer, is that Glaxo would not otherwise have mounted the bid. That is always the reason given for binding sale agreements. In my experience, it is rarely true, though a fair tactic for bidders. Mr Robb may drum up a higher foreign offer. He has a case in terms of the prices of comparable bids, but time is against him.

Glaxo's strategy may be best for investors and for the British pharmaceutical industry, if not for all employees. But it will be a pity if many of those watching the triumphant birth of Glaxo Wellcome are holding their noses.

Pay-rise data is revised downwards despite evidence of higher wage settlements

Change of tune from the CBI

Philip Bassett says the pay issue is sending out mixed signals

It's a dog that has not barked, says Sir Bryan Nicholson, president of the Confederation of British Industry. He is referring to rising pay settlements.

Six months ago, Sir Bryan and Howard Davies, the CBI Director-General, both made tough speeches on pay on the same day. In Sir Bryan's words, the possibility of a return to wage inflation was the biggest threat to economic recovery in the UK.

In a direct appeal to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, before their meeting on monetary policy later this week, the CBI is now recanting on pay. It is arguing, as Sir Bryan puts it, that "our concerns about that have not flowed through in the way that they might — though that's a good thing."

That is, if the CBI is right. It will formalise its change of heart in the next fortnight by revising down its widely regarded pay databank figures, which last month suggested that pay increases in manufacturing were running at 3.4 per cent and those in the service sector at 4.3 per cent.

What is odd about the CBI's retraction is that it comes while others are maintaining that the direction of pay settlements is clearly upwards. One of those people is Mr Clarke's Cabinet colleague Michael Portillo. The Employment Secretary has argued consistently in recent months that the steady rise in average earnings increases was a result of bonus and other payments, rather than higher wage deals. This month he accepted for the first time that there is evidence that settlements are increasing.

Or take the regular surveys from the main pay research companies. They identified a gradually rising trend in settlements last autumn, and are seeing nothing to indicate any change in that.

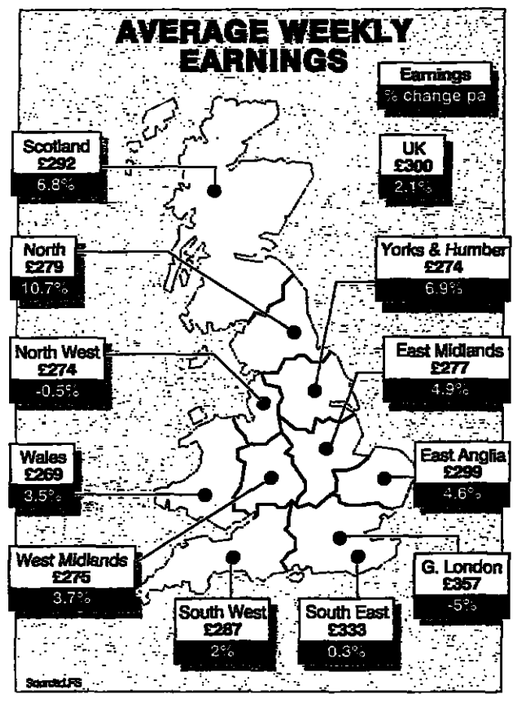
Incomes Data Services says today that two thirds of the deals it has recorded this month are worth 3 per cent or more. And January is the single biggest month for private-sector pay deals, accounting for a fifth of all annual settlements. Survey research to be published later this week by Industrial Relations Services will suggest that pay deals will be running at 3-3.5 per cent in the early months of this year.

The issue of pay seems to be sending out mixed economic signals. Although unemployment is falling consistently, the tightening of the labour market remains patchy, in line with economic recovery more generally: in many areas, although the number out of work is certainly declining, it is still high.

So some business leaders, such as the British Chambers of Commerce, are already giving warnings about growing skill shortages. Take, as an example, two electronics companies in the Welsh border town of Wrexham. From the beginning of this month, Sharp Manufacturing awarded its 1,000 employees pay rises of 2.5 per cent, and a £130 service-related payment aimed at retaining their skilled workers, which led to overall increases of 3.1-4.1 per cent.

Along the road at Brother Industries, which also makes typewriters and word-processors, the 350 employees received from last October a basic pay increase of 2.25 per cent, with an additional service-related payment. Although the paybill cost is put by the company at 3.7 per cent, the package gives employees increases of up to 5.25 per cent.

Or take, still in electronics, Lithgow Electronics in IBM-dominated Greenock, Strathclyde, which makes such cable products as power leads for computers. The workforce has grown by a third over the past 18 months. From the beginning of this month the 400 hourly paid workers received a rise of 5.8 per cent.



"The direction is clear enough," says Alistair Hatchett at IDS, "and that's what you would expect with stronger recovery, higher output and the certainty that inflation is going to go higher."

At IRS, Paul Thompson agrees: "There is an upward trend, and we expect that to be maintained in the coming months."

Such increases do seem to be feeding through into higher earnings. As well as the monthly earnings index published by Mr Portillo, and the Government's regular snapshot of pay in its annual new earnings survey, the Department of Employment is now publishing for the first time detailed regional and sectoral figures — rated by Whitehall statisticians as "robust and reliable" — every three months, drawn from its authoritative labour force survey.

The earnings figures published by *The Times* today in the accompanying illustration show some sharp differences. Over the 12 months to the beginning of the autumn, the most recent period available, earnings fell in Greater London, for instance, by 5 per cent, with male earnings falling even more — down by 8.7 per cent.

At the same time, according to the Government's figures, earnings in the northern region, centring on Newcastle, rose by 10.7 per cent, and by as much as 18.1 per cent for women in the area.

Other big jumps recorded were also mainly for women: 18.8 per cent rises in Wales, 8.9 per cent in the East Midlands, 8.2 per cent in Yorkshire and Humberside. Earnings for men rose by 8.1 per cent in Scotland and 7.5 per cent in the North, and fell by 2 per cent in Wales.

Such differences probably reflect the geographical spread of various industries and services. Take the car industry, which is strong in the Midlands and the North, with the impact of Japanese firms like Toyota and Nissan. Most car industry deals for this year are now in, and pay rises across the sector are comfortably ahead of inflation.

Most rises are around 3 per cent, and firms agreeing new two-year deals have set next winter's increase at 4 per cent, which IDS says indicates their judgment of a further rise in inflation over the course of this year.

Rover's 28,000 workers only narrowly agreed to a 3.7 per cent rise from November, with a further 4 per cent due in the deal's second year — or the increase in the RPI, if that is higher. Jaguar's 6,000-strong workforce accepted on a second ballot, after rejecting it first time round, 3.5 per cent this year and 4 per cent/RPI in year two.

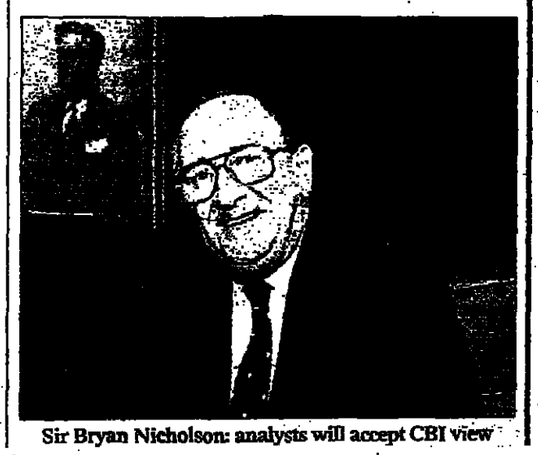
Nissan's workers have the same deal from January, though without the RPI option. Toyota and Honda will set their one-year deals in April, although neither is expected to be below their rises last year of 3.6 and 3.7 per cent respectively. Three thousand manual workers at Peugeot Talbot are at present balloting on industrial action over a 3.5 per cent plus 4 per cent/RPI two-year deal.

Or take the finance sector, which has seen a number of high deals, including 7.3 per cent on the paybill at the Bristol and West Building Society, 6 per cent average merit awards at Britannia Life, 4.5 per cent average merit rises at Sun Life Assurance and merit awards averaging 3.5 per cent — though topping out at up to 8 per cent — for managers and professional staff at American Express.

Despite its recantations, the CBI in its own pay evidence suggests that downward pressures on pay are all easing back, while upward pressures — particularly those reflecting a tightening labour market, are rising. The need to recruit and retain staff has leapt as a factor cited by manufacturers from 8 per cent over the past two years to 20 per cent from last August. CBI leaders dismiss suggestions that their belief that Mr Clarke and Mr George should not agree this week to a further rise in interest rates has led them to revise their pay statistics in order to suggest that inflation pressures are less than they seem. They insist on the integrity of their pay data, and believe that other pay analysts will follow them in realising that settlements are not rising at the rate industry feared.

That remains to be seen. City economists are convinced that prevailing price pressures in industry, stemming mainly from the rising cost of raw materials but with pay settlements wound in, are bearing heavily on the Chancellor and the Governor to decide this week on a rise in rates. But the City has been wrong before on rates, and may be wrong again this time.

What is clear is that the issue of pay is as vexed an economic question as it has ever been. And with inflation rising, and set to rise still further, businesses that are concerned about their costs will be keeping a close eye on their wage bills to see whether or not the pay dog is actually barking.



Sir Bryan Nicholson: analysts will accept CBI view

RADIO CHOICE

History as it happens

A.D. *World Service, 3.15pm.*

Mike Bullen's series does not make it easy for us. It asks us to look at history without the benefit of hindsight. What it says to us is that past happenings were news at the time. The effect of the dramatic reconstructions is not unlike those books with pictures that stand-up. Once I got my bearings, I found this journey into yesterday an eye-opening experience. The final programme focuses on the year 1901 when Queen Victoria died. In that year, too, Marconi sent the first radio signal across the Atlantic, the first Nobel prizes were awarded, and Elgar read the nation's mood correctly when he prophesied that a new tune he had written "would knock 'em dead!".

The Monday Play: Private Lives. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Noël Coward's four-hander is a feather-light meringue on to which a few drops of aloe juice have been sprinkled as the cork pops and the champagne fizzes out of the bottle like mad. Meringue, aloe and bubbly are adroitly administered by, and to, director Ned Chaillet's cast — Imogen Stubbs and Stephen Fry as the divorced and unexpectedly re-united pair, and Simon Ward and Louise Lombard as their flummoxed spouses. *Private Lives* notoriously elevates flippancy to the level of high art; I do not see how it is possible to tire of it. A minor quibble: Imogen Stubbs's Amanda spoils some of her wittiest lines when she makes determined attempts to break the speed limit Coward implicity imposed on his cast's timing. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa L'Anson with the Lunchtime Show including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier: featuring The Amazing Spiderman, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Lee and Herring: five comedy 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

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FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Bob Holness with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special, from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester (2/2) 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Distant Voices: Poets and Writers 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The London Symphony Orchestra: 1983-1988 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mark Griffiths

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Mozart (Symphony No 26 in E flat); Chopin (Mazurkas: in B flat, Op 7 No 1; in A minor, Op 7 No 2); Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2); Lemare (Marche héroïque in D, Op 74); 8.24 Songbook Series: Wolf (Italienisches Liederbuch Nos 1-4); 8.39 Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto in A minor)

9.00 **Fairest Isle — Composer of the Week: John Taverner.** The Sixteen under Harry Christophers performs *Missa, O Michael!*

9.45 **Musical Encounters:** Geoffrey Bush (Overture, Yorick); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B minor, Wq182 No 5); Louis Aubert (*Habaneras*); 10.30 *Artist of the Week*: Jacques Thibaud, violin; Franck (Sonata in A); 11.10 Sirmen (String Quartet in F minor); Haydn (Adagio for wind instruments, Seven Last Words); Rubbra (Symphony No 1)

12.00 **Fairest Isle — Britannia at the Opera:** Michael William Balfe's popular British opera of the 19th century, *The Bohemian Girl*

1.00 **BBC Lunchtime Concert:** Haydn (String Quartet in D minor, Op 42); Mozart (*Clarinet Quintet in A*)

2.00 **Schools:** 20th-Century Soundbites 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama

3.00 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Scottish SO under Alun Francis, with Piers Lane, piano, performs Eugen d'Albert (Piano Concerto No 1 in B minor)

3.45 **Bull Virginal Music:** Robert Woolley plays music by John Bull (i)

4.30 **Oster's Blues:** Professor Harry Oster, of Iowa State University, talks to Francis Wilford-Smith about his series of field recordings of black singers and musicians

5.00 **The Music Machine:** The Ircam centre for electronic classical music

5.15 **In Tune,** with Richard Baker

7.30 **Fairest Isle — Music for a While:** The last in the series of invitation concerts to celebrate Sir Michael Tippett's 90th birthday, and to mark the 300th anniversary of Purcell's death. Michael Finnissy (Glad Day); Tippett (Crown of the Year); 8.10 A portrait of Sir Michael Tippett's years at Morley College; 8.30 Purcell (Hail, bright Cecilia, Ode for St Cecilia's Day, 1692)

9.35 **Fairest Isle — Novelties:** Life in Henry Purcell's Britain (1/5)

9.45 **BBC Philharmonic in Morocco** under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)

10.30 **The John Field Nocturnes:** No 1 in E flat; No 6 in F (Daniel Adni, piano) (1/8)

10.45 **Mibding It,** with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell

11.30-12.30am **Music Restored:** Chris de Souza presents five concerts of vocal music from pre-Reformation England sung by the Hilliard Ensemble. Bedyngham (Missa sine nomine), and including motets by Plummer and Hothby

1.00-2.00 **Night School:** Letterbox 1.20 Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Who Goes Home? Roy Hattersley looks back at his political career 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Start the Week,** presented by Melvyn Bragg and Mary Ann Sieghart of *The Times*. With Janet Sayers, Sadie Plant, Richard Rogers and John Gray

10.00-10.30 **News; Questions of Taste** (FM only)

10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only), from St Augustine's RC High School, Billington, near Clitheroe, Lancs

10.15 **The Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only) (16/25) (r)

10.30 **Woman's Hour,** introduced by Jenni Murray. Includes the serial *Looking for Trouble* by Cath Staincliffe

11.30 **Money Box Live: 071-580 4444**

12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Daire Brehan

12.25pm **Counterpoint:** Ned Sherrin conducts three more contestants in heat five of the musical quiz 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One,** with James Cox

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; Islands:** Fiona Shaw stars as Beatrice, leader of a Hebridean convent in 500 AD, in Judith Warner's retelling of the myth of the mermaid who lost her voice after falling in love with a man. With Kate Lonergan (r).

3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**

4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Robert Dawson Scott reviews a production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and examines the poetry that came out of the American Civil War

4.45 **Romance Season — Short Story: You:** Simon Cadell reads the first episode of a two-part modern romance by Alasdair Gray

5.00 **PM,** with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 Just a Minute** (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.20 **The Food Programme,** with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 **Romance Season — The Monday Play: Private Lives.** See Choice

9.15 **Eaten Alive — By Leeches:** Lionel Kelleway follows the dietary habits of leeches (r)

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Robert Lustig

10.45 **Romance Season — Book at Bedtime: The Initials in the Heart,** by Laurence Whistler. Ronald Pickup reads the first of a ten-part adaptation (r)

11.00-11.30 **Good Lookers** (FM only): Forensic dentist David Whittaker explains why teeth cannot lie (r)

11.00-11.30 **Education Matters** (LW only)

11.30-12.00 **The Three Musketeers** (FM only): Alexandre Dumas's swashbuckling saga (4/6)

11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)

12.00-12.43am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No. 007851 OF 1994 IN THE MATTER OF STURGE HOLDINGS PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 17th January 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £11,750,000 divided into 68,750,000 Ordinary Shares of 12p each to nil, and that the sanctioning by the Court of a Scheme of Arrangement considered at a meeting of the holders of the Company's Ordinary Shares held on 17th January 1995 pursuant to an Order of the Court dated 16th December 1994

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday 8th February 1995.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and sanctioning by the Court of the Scheme of Arrangement should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A COPY of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of a regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 30th day of January 1995

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLE LIQUIDATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM

KAYTEX TRADING COMPANY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

Principal Trading Address: Unit 9 Fowler Industrial Park, Chorley New Road, Horwich Bolton.

Company Number: 1872623

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 23 January 1995 NJ Dorgan was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditor's voluntary winding up).

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference: NXT/SRC/SOC

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Manchester

M60 2AT

AIRBORNE GROUP PLC (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 46 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Colmore Gate, 2 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BN on 3 February 1995, at 10.30 am. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge details of their debts and proxies at the offices of Touche Ross and Co, Colmore Gate, 2 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BN, by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

ANDREW PHILIP PETERS

Joint Administrative Receiver

Date: 17 January 1995

AIRMILE LIMITED (In Members Voluntary Liquidation) THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN ROLPH and RICHARD HOWARD MOORE of 1 SNOW HILL, LONDON, EC1A 2EN were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 23rd January 1995.

Creditors are required on or before 28th February 1995 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Joint Liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the Joint Liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 24th day of January 1995

DAVID A ROLPH

(Joint Liquidator)

N.B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

Catherine Place Management Limited

Registered Number: 2567181.

Former Company Name: Speedhurry Limited

Nature of Business: Service Company to Property Development Group.

Trade Classification: 46

Date of Appointment of administrative receiver: 18 January 1995

Name of Person appointing the administrative receiver

Midland Bank Plc

A R Bloom & N J Hamilton

Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no 6462 & 2090)

Address:

Beckett House

1 Lambeth Palace Road

London

SE1 7EU

DEALBRENT LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 16th February 1996 at 12.45 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of sea.

A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davies, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 1995

COLIN J EMSON

Director

HORAMA BLOODSTOCK LIMITED. (In Members Voluntary Liquidation)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN ROLPH and RICHARD HOWART MOORE of 1 SNOW HILL, LONDON, EC1A 2EN were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 24th January 1995.

Creditors are required on or before 28th February 1995 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Joint Liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the Joint Liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 24th day of January 1995

DAVID A ROLPH

(Joint Liquidator)

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ROBERT FRASER (CHARING CROSS ROAD) LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 16th February 1995 at 11.15 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

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DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 1995

COLIN J. EMSON

Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

SNOWCHARM LIMITED T/A/E THE HOUSE OF FRAGRANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Peter John Bridger MIPA of Messers Bridgers, 54 London Street, Reading, RG1 4SQ was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by Meeting of Shareholders and Creditors held on the 24 January 1995.

Peter John Bridger MIPA.

Liquidator.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

STRATHEARN LIMITED (in Administrative Receivership)

REGISTERED NUMBER: 2791152

TRADING NAME: Formode Furniture

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Manufacturers & Designers in Office Furniture

TRADE CLASSIFICATION: 09

DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: 24 January 1995

NAME OF PERSON APPOINTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: Ashcroft Cameron Investments Limited

COLIN GEORGE WISEMAN & PETER ANTHONY LAWRENCE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

OFFICE HOLDER NOS. 6712 & 6829)

ADDRESS: Messrs. Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way Waterside London, E14 9SN.

No. 008168 of 1994

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF MY KINDA TOWN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 22nd December 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company in the sum of £11,638,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 15th day of February 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

RICHMANMOTH LIMITED

Registered Number: 2987707.

Nature of Business: LEASING OF AIRCRAFT. Trade Classification: 29. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 24 JANUARY 1995. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: LLOYDS BANK PLC. ANDREW TALBOT and MARTIN FISHMAN Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 2734 and 6470) of ARTHUR ANDERSON PO BOX 58 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT.

LONDON & NEW YORK (CHARING CROSS ROAD) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 16th February 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davies, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 26TH JANUARY 1995

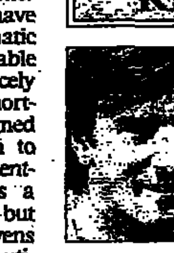
COLIN J. EMSON

Director

IN the Magistrate's Court of Tel Aviv-Yafo. Civil Case 42030/94. Mesimeur Shivuk Rishmi (1988) Ltd. Represented by S. Ben Meir, Advocate of 126 Ibn Gavirol St., Tel. 01/09722-3-5241711; Fax 01/09723-9270554. The Plaintiff. Vs. Josef Sellovitch, The Defendant. To: the Defendant. The Plaintiff has entered an Action against you with this Court in the aforementioned Case for payment of the sum of NIS 99,000. The Plaintiff has petitioned the Court for Provisional Attachments in this Case and the Court granted these Petitions. Copies of the Actions and Petitions are available in the secretarial offices of the Tel Aviv-Yafo Magistrate's Court at 1 Weizman St., Tel Aviv, Israel. You are hereby summoned to file your Statement of Defence or your Petition to Allow Filing of Defence (as relevant) in this Case, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Should you fail to do this, the Plaintiff will be entitled to receive Judgement against you in this Case, in your absence. Shahar Ben Meir, Advocate, Attorney for the Plaintiffs.

Filling the prescription for Friday night

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

For the sake of anyone planning a party, may I just offer this one piece of advice. Forget Fridays. These days, Friday evenings are for chilling out, turning on and staying in (if I may mix my vernaculars) with even the most committed hell-raisers surfing their way through the conveniently *bite-sized portions* served up by BBC 2 and Channel 4. From *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)* to *Fantasy Football League* via *Ellen* and *Roseanne*, the only interruption brooked is the arrival of the pizza delivery man.

But now it seems BBC 1 and ITV want a slice of the end-of-week action and by the look of *Dangerfield* and *Dr Finlay* they mean business. On paper, it's easy to write off **Dangerfield** (BBC 1) as a bad case of never mind the quality, feel the formula. But as the success of *Kavanagh QC* has shown, get it right and even the oldest formula can deliver. Some say that *Dangerfield* is *Peak Practice* meets *Heartbeat*. It may have been something vaguely familiar about Nigel Hess's soundtrack, but to my mind it seemed more *The Expert* meets *Owen MD*. But the point is that the BBC finally look to have got it right.

That said, Dr Paul Dangerfield (*Nigel Le Vaillant*) could well do for the male sex what Shirley Conran once did for hers. He may wear his underpants inside his trousers, but make no mistake — this man is Superman. He's good-looking, successful, runs a beautiful house in the country with matching teenage children — and *not only does his own shopping* but cooks Thai food as well. And (this is the really sickening part) no matter how many times his mobile phone rings, he never, ever loses his temper.

Mind you, if we lesser male mortals knew that obliging scriptwriters would liberally scatter our lives with beautiful, professional women we'd probably be in better moods too. Episode one may have been a little short of dramatic tension (although the predictable mercy killing story was nicely handled) but there was no shortage of the sexual tension designed to get us all beating a path to episode two. So far, the conveniently widowed Dangerfield has a choice between his beautiful but prickly colleague, Dr Stevens (Amanda Redman) and the beautiful and unprickly solicitor, Kate Durrani (Kim Vithana). That's if he ever gets off the phone.

Up in puritan, postwar Tannochbrae in **Dr Finlay** (ITV), sexual tension hasn't yet been invented, of course, which could have made the arrival of the conveniently widowed Dr Jennifer Stallard a bit of a waste of time. Still, it gave Dr Finlay a partner for the dinner-dance at the Hydro, Tannochbrae's idea of a good night out.

But Dr Stallard, I suspect, has *timed her run perfectly. For in a* bravely dark story with which to launch the third series, it became abundantly clear that the Doctors Finlay and Cameron have picked a wrong'un to replace that nice Dr Neil. In fact, Dr McKenna (a horribly convincing Stuart McQuarrie) proved to be a monster — unpleasant, unprofessional and not unfamiliar with the doctor's friend, the whisky bottle.

Pursuing the wife of a badly burnt war hero was never going to be the best of career moves. The question now is, is Tannochbrae ready for a female GP? Given that the dramatic alternative is the long wait until *sexual intercourse is* discovered in 1963 (and probably even later in Tannochbrae) let's hope the answer is yes.

Down south, however, in a wartime **Ghosts** (BBC 1), they rather jumped the sexual starting gun — until, that is, *the energetic, wedding-night* consummation turned out to be less a case of thinking of England than sinking off it. Written and directed by Terry Johnson, *Blood and Water* was simply a delight.

Keeping his supernatural and spectacular twist until the end, Johnson littered his story with clues and red herrings. Cleverly mixing the real horror of shell-shock with the unreal horror of imagination, Johnson constantly tempted us to jump to the wrong conclusion. But as all good thrillers should, once the climax was revealed everthing fell into place, or in this watery tale, plaice.

With *beautifully* judged performances from Paul Rhys, Moira Brooker and Ian Shaw as the not-quite-eternal triangle, the production was marred only by a brief spell of fairly supernatural-looking lip-synching and that ridiculous old cliché that ghosts don't appear in photographs. Who says so?

Finally, after seven years and 177 episodes, it was time to say farewell to Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the Starship Enterprise, as **Star Trek: The Next Generation** (Sky One) boldly went for the last time. Many, I know, will scoff, but others will mourn its passing, consoled only by the certain knowledge that there is no such word as "final" in the strange space-time continuum of *Star Trek* repeats.

The space-time continuum of the final two-part story, *All Good Things* was pretty strange itself, with shipboard romances coming and going in the twinkling of a *transporter beam as Captain Picard* singled-handedly set about saving humanity in three different time zones. I always knew he'd marry Dr Crusher.

Throughout a marathon run that has shown just what can be done if you throw enough money and writers at a good idea, Patrick *Stewart, the former Royal Shakespeare* Company actor, has been magnificent as Picard. His intergalactic journeys may be over, but let's hope not his transatlantic ones. Time to come home, Mr Stewart.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with *Paul* Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (29498)

7.00 Breakfast News (18069160)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion *on a topical subject (s) (8334856)*

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1212276) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick.** Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (85584450)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7765924) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (3761189) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78146653)

1.00 One O'Clock News *(Ceefax) and weather (91566)*

1.30 Neighbours. (Teletext) (s) (91893382) **1.50 Timekeepers.** Quiz with Bill Dod (s) (91804498)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (9485295) **3.00 Today's Gourmet.** Jacques Pepin prepares his favourite summer menu (6127)

3.30 Warner Brothers Cartoons. *Booby Hatched* and *The Bird Came C.O.D.* (5023740) **3.45 Bodger and Badger.** A mix of live action and puppets (s) *(5028295)* **4.00 Jackanory.** *Joanna Lumley with* Rose Impney's tale *Who's a Clever Girl Then?* about a girl who wants to be a pirate (s) (6949653) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant.** (Ceefax) (s) (4999295) **4.35 Tomorrow's End.** Science-fiction *adventure (4009382)*

5.00 Newsround (9939276) **5.10 Blue Peter** celebrates the Chinese New Year — the Year of the Pig. (Ceefax) (s) (1057160)

5.35 Neighbours *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (171634)*

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (363)

6.30 Regional news magazines (943)

7.00 Champion Telly Addicts. The Browns, champions *of 1993, meet the Bone family, winners in 1990* (s) (8108)

7.30 Watchdog. Includes a best toothpaste guide. (Ceefax) (s) (127)

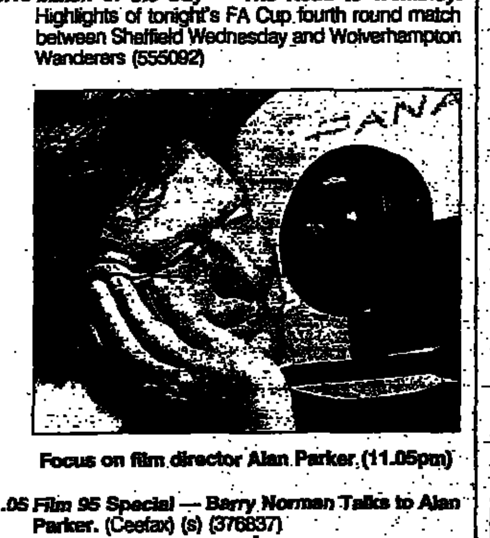
8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (7856)

8.30 The Detectives. Comedy series starring Jasper Carrott, Robert Powell and George Sewell. (Ceefax) (s) (6363)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9059)

9.30 Panorama: Gerry Adams — the Man We Hate to Love. A profile of the Sinn Fein leader. (Ceefax) (967653)

10.15 Match of the Day — The Road to Wembley. Highlights of tonight's FA Cup fourth round match between Sheffield Wednesday and Wolverhampton Wanderers (555092)



Focus on film director Alan Parker (11.05pm)

*11.05 **Film 95 Special — Barry Norman Talks to Alan Parker.*** (Ceefax) (s) (376837)

11.35 FILM: Brainstorm (1983) starring Christopher Walken and Natalie Wood. Science-fiction thriller about a device that can record emotions and transmit them to other people. *Directed by Douglas* Trumbull. (Ceefax) (923160)

1.20am Weather (6877615)

BBC2

7.00 Noddy (r) (s) (7289653) **7.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8590905) **7.35 White Fang** (r) (1720905)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6828479)

8.15 The Record. *Sarah Hulme with a review of Friday's* proceedings in Parliament (7070769)

8.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys Berkeley Castle dining room (r) (4761092) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (3604498)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8512699) **2.00** Tales of Aesop (61007672) **2.05** Rupert (61006943)

2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8331585)

2.45 Milestones in Science and Engineering. *A look* at the development of space travel (1931158)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Self Portraits.** A collection of video self-portraits from 25 countries around the world (1807671) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9054473)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (856)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative menus (s) (740)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are parents whose children were killed at home by common household items (s) (3211160)

5.40 Tennis. Highlights of the Australian Open men's singles final (624108)

6.15 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century *(r) (237173)*

7.00 The Private Life of Plants (r). (Ceefax) (s) (264160)

7.50 Travel Show — Short Cuts. Frank Skinner visits Milan (s) (239818)

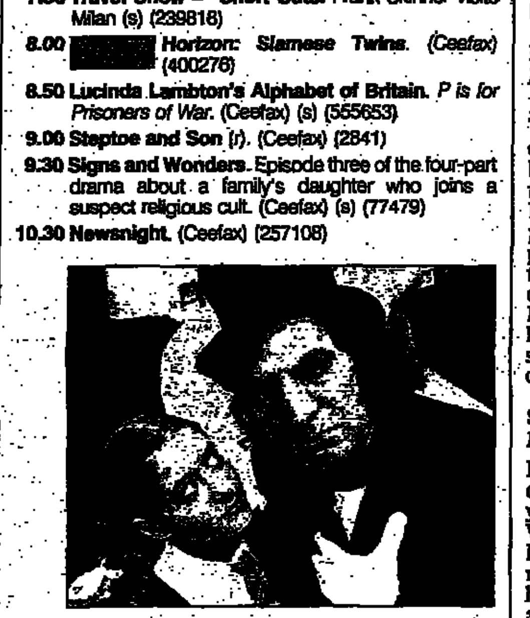
8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Siamese Twins.** *(Ceefax)* (400276)

8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. *P is for Prisoners of War.* (Ceefax) (s) (555653)

9.00 Steptoe and Son *(r).* (Ceefax) (2841)

9.30 Signs and Wonders. Episode three of the four-part drama about a family's daughter who joins a suspect religious cult. (Ceefax) (s) (77479)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (257108)



Jessica Marshall Gardiner, Jim Carter (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE **Sophie's World** (s) (877011)

12.10am Weather (9756122)

12.15 The Midnight Hour. *The day in Parliament (s)* (8639696)

12.50am-1.45 Design Principles and Practice (2907035)

2.00-4.00 Night School: History (18431)

4.45-5.00 BBC Select: Disability Agenda (88271716)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (49122)

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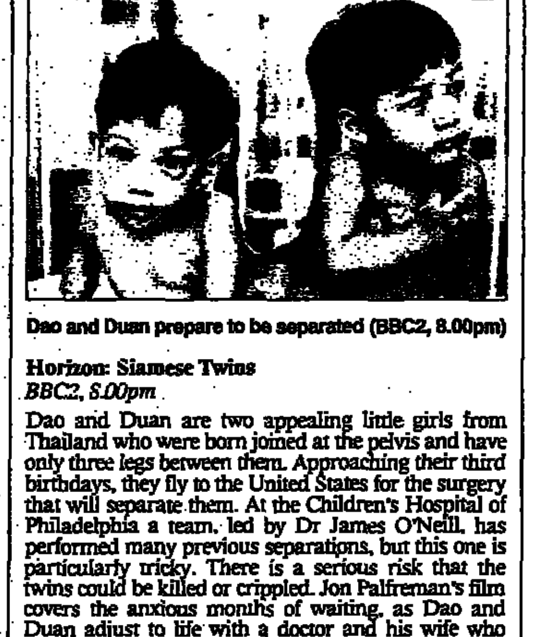
CHOICE

Cutting Edge: Revenge
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Many of us may remember David Cannon, the farmer who was so annoyed at being denied planning permission that he sprayed the council offices with a tangy mix of fertiliser and cow manure. Or, in more serious vein, Steve Taylor, who took a gun to the lorry driver who ran over and killed his son. These and less publicised examples of anger boiling over are brought together in a film where the funny and the tragic are never very far apart. Abused wives may take a tip from Joan, who put itching powder into her husband's underpants and, when he thought he had caught something, sent him off for an Aids test. Against that, Michael describes being attacked with *molten* candle wax when his wife found out about his affair.



Dao and Duan prepare to be separated (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: Siamese Twins
BBC2, 8.00pm

Dao and Duan are two appealing little girls from Thailand who were born joined at the pelvis and have only three legs between them. Approaching their third birthdays, they fly to the United States for the surgery that will separate them. At the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia a team, led by Dr James O'Neill, has performed many previous separations, but this one is particularly tricky. There is a serious risk that the twins could be killed or crippled. Jon Palfreman's film covers the anxious months of waiting, as Dao and Duan adjust to life with a doctor and his wife who hope to adopt them. Preliminary surgery is successfully negotiated and three months later the cameras are back for the decisive operation.

Sophie's World
BBC2, 11.15pm

From *The Late Show* stable comes an inventive dramatisation of Jostein Gaarder's novel about a 14-year-old girl taking a journey through 2,000 years of Western philosophy. A surprising bestseller in Europe, *Sophie's World* is published in Britain this month. In adapting it for television, Paul Greengrass has kept to the surreal spirit of the original, while adding several jokes of his own. The hectic pace and pop video treatment sometimes jar and the piece is not without obscurities, but sheer exhilaration carries it along. Dressed like some mad hatter, and affecting all manner of funny voices, Jim Carter plays the guide to the great thinkers, with Jessica Marshall Gardiner as Sophie and Twiggy Lawson as her mum.

Brookside
Channel 4, 8.30pm

There is something nasty in a bin bag and it is buried in the Jordache garden. But not, it seems, for very much longer, for the patio is being dug up by the water board looking for a leak. Meanwhile the guilty Jordaches have fled to Ireland, where they nervously scan the newspapers for the one piece of news they do not want to read. *Brookside* reckons this is such a cracking storyline that for only the second time in its 12-year run the show is being broadcast five nights running. That may be asking a lot of even the most devoted fan but soap opera writers know all about keeping plots on the boil. Besides, who can resist the juxtaposition of a murder story and a one-man campaign against dog fouling? Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (33189)

9.25 Chain Letters Ted Robbins presents the word game (4447634) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5162978)

10.00 ***The Time... the Place*** *with John Stapleton (s)* (9722740)

10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (32660653) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7761108)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7120566)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (7138585)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (34593450) **1.55 Capital Woman** *(s) (21631894)*

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (17532924) **2.50 Carlton People** (6553585)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5082856) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5081127)

3.30 Rainbow (r) (5034856) **3.40 Tots TV** (s)(1854455) **3.50 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (4123295) **4.15 Harry's Mad** (Teletext) (s) (591363) **4.45 Art Attack** (Teletext) (s) (4090634)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9091562). Followed by **The Missing File**

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (429818)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (342276)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (289)

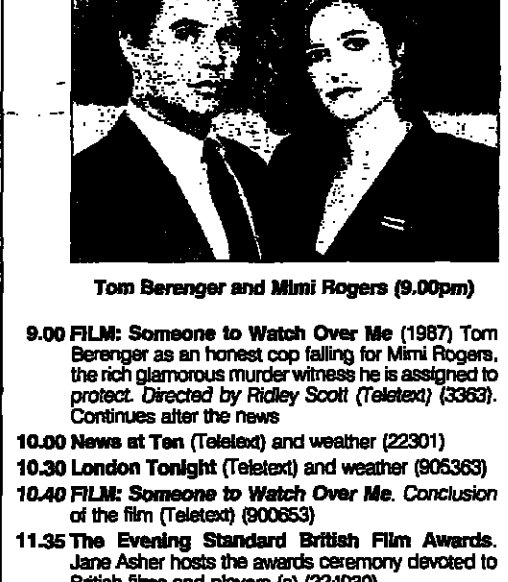
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (951)

7.00 Wish You Were Here...? Reports from Barbados, Benidorm and Longleat (s) (3276)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (295)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with host Shane Ritchie (2924)

8.30 World in Action: The Backseat Killer. A report on the potential danger of split rear seats in *hatchbacks. (Teletext) (s) (1059)*



Tom Berenger and Mimi Rogers (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Someone to Watch Over Me (1987) Tom Berenger as an honest cop falling for Mimi Rogers, the rich glamorous murder witness he is assigned to *protect. Directed by Ridley Scott (Teletext) (3363).* Continues after the news

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (22301)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (905363)

10.40 FILM: Someone to Watch Over Me. *Conclusion* of the film (Teletext) (900653)

11.35 The Evening Standard British Film Awards. Jane Asher hosts the awards ceremony devoted to British films and players (s) (224030)

12.35am Endsleigh League Extra (2917412)

1.25 Sport AM (2049412)

2.25 Quiz Night with Stuart Hall (1479035)

2.50 FILM: The Nuclear Conspiracy (1986) starring Birgit Doll. A journalist suspects foul play when a dangerous cargo of nuclear waste puts to sea. Directed by Rainer Erler (157141)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show. A look at what clairvoyants say is in store in 1995 *(r)* (s) (18908832)

4.55 The Time... the Place (r) (s) (2942122)

5.30 ITN Morning News (43948) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon a Time — Life. An animated exploration of the human body (r) (8674108)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (81189)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz game show for couples, *presented by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (60450)*

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (8500721) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8523672) **10.02** Stage Two Science (5757856) **10.20** Place and People (9055276) **10.40** English Programme (2405295) ***11.05*** Encyclopaedia Galactica (7183905)***11.15*** The Music Show (3678504) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (9487214)**11.45** Junior Technology (9482769)

12.00 Right To Reply. A repeat of Saturday's edition. (Teletext) (s) (29214)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guests are Bo Diddley and Bo Jackson (89837) **1.30 Little Miss** followed by **Paddington, Frootie Tootles** and **The Wombles** (r) (81499635)

1.55 The Pulse. A repeat of last Thursday's edition of the health magazine presented by Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) (s) (20878456)

2.25 Travels á la Carte. Food writer Sophie Grigson and her husband William Black begin an eight-part exploration of traditional food and cooking in Europe, starting in Sicily (r). (Teletext) (6700382)

3.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show, presented by Gay Byrne (s) (9807491)

3.55 The 3,000 Mile Garden (r). (Teletext) (s) (3722653)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (108)

5.00 The Golden Girls. Includes a guest appearance by Bob Hope *(r) (4382)*

5.30 Nurses. Comedy series set in a Miami hospital (r). (Teletext) (160)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (301)

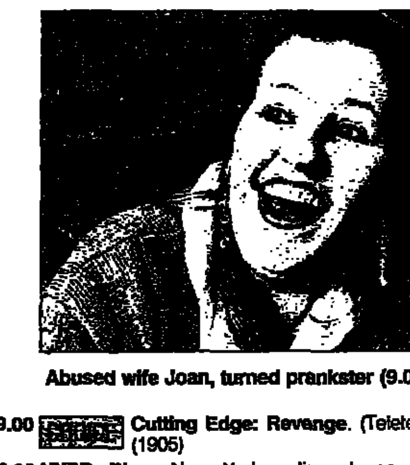
6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. High school comedy. (Teletext) (s) (653)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (299856)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox series (257214)

8.00 Little Killers: Cat's Kin. An exploration of the feral life of the African wildcat. (Teletext) (7586)

8.30 CHOICE **Brookside.** (Teletext) (s) (2301)



Abused wife Joan, turned prankster (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Revenge.** (Teletext) (s) (1905)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (4092)

11.00 FILM: Oedipus Rex (1967) starring Franco Citti, Silvana Mangano and Carmelo Bene. Pier Paolo Pasolini's version of Sophocles's tragic myth about the man destined to kill his father and then marry his *mother. In Italian with English subtitles* (237112)

12.55am Eye 2 Eye. Design quiz presented by Steve Taylor. With guests Ben Kelly, Eva Jiricna, Janet Reger and Andrew Logan (r) (s) (2027290)

1.30 FILM: It's Love Again (1936,b/w) starring Jessie *Matthews and Robert Young. Lively vintage British musical, directed by Victor Saville (48986).* Ends at **3.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (5162978) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7761108) **1.55** A Country Practice (91898837) **2.20** Keep it in the Family (17524905) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6553585) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (5081127) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9091562) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (323092) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (905363) **11.35** The Equalizer (595030) **12.30am** Endsleigh League Extra (9284122) **1.15** Family Sins (436509) **3.00** Sport AM (9556306) **3.55** The *Time... the Place* (91844431) **4.25** Yan Can Cook (1394431) **5.00-5.30** Wanted: Dead or Alive (84832)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91898837) **2.20** Look and Cook (17524905) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6553585) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9091562) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (323092) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (905363) **11.35** The Monday Night Fight (224030) **12.35am-1.25** Endsleigh League Football Extra (2917412) **4.30** Jobfinder (8250783) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2679493)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7138585) **1.25** Home and Away (51081721) **1.50** *Murder, She Wrote* (6382653) **2.45-3.20** The De Medici Kitchen (8804634) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9091562) **6.25** Granada Tonight (323092) **7.00-7.30** Wish You Were Here...? (3276) **11.35-12.35pm** The Evening Standard British Film Awards (224030) **1.25am** Sport AM (2049412) **2.25** Quiz Night (1479035) **2.50** The Nuclear Conspiracy (157141) **4.30** Jobfinder (18908832) **4.55-5.30** The Time... the Place (2942122)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Art Works (21631894) **2.25-3.20** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (5968363) **5.10-5.40** The New Mr & Mrs Show (9091562) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (951) **11.35** Spotlight (967363) **12.05am-12.35** The Powers That Be (1346306) **4.30-4.55** Jobfinder (18908832)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Eye TV (9091562) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (951) **11.35-12.05pm** Primetime (967363)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (5162978) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7761108) **1.55** A Country Practice (91898837) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8152905) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (5081127) **5.10** Home and Away *(9091562)* ***5.37*** *Three Minutes - The Listings* (355740) **5.40** ITN News; Weather (166837) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (289) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (951) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (905363) **11.35** Phoenix (595030) **12.30am** Endsleigh League Extra (9284122) **1.15** Family Sins (436509) **3.00** Sport AM (9556306) **3.55** The Time... the Place (91844431) **4.25** Yan Can Cook (1394431) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (84832)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (5162978) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (7770856) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7779127) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (21631894) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (17529276) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (5081127) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9091562) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (39189) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (905363) **11.35-12.35pm** Crime Story (224030) **4.30am-4.55** Jobfinder (18908832)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5162978) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar, News and Weather / Bizdale: Network North (7761108) **1.55** A Country Practice (91898837) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (17524905) **2.50** Help Yourself (5541081) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7254943) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bizdale: Network North (5081127) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9091562) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (634585) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (951) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (905363) **11.35** Prisoner Cell Block H (595030) **12.30am** The Inheritor (95073) **2.30** The New Music (24870) **3.30** The Chart Show (2273509) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (6329014)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (81189) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (60450) **9.30** Ysgolion (653176) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (29214) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (45740) **1.00** The Magic Roundabout (84276) **1.30** Home Movies (44011) **2.00** The Amorous Prawn (120769) **3.40** Dennis (5012634) **3.55** The 3,000 Mile Garden (3722653) **4.30** Batman (108) **5.00** 5 Pump (6489011) **5.15** 5 Pump (8934721) **5.30** Countdown (160) **6.00** Newyddion (830158) **6.15** Heno (757481) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1818) **7.30** Sgorio (39656) **8.30** Newyddion (2801) **9.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (2769) **9.30** Roseanne (32276) **10.00** Brookside (20943) **10.30** NYPD Blue (802011) **11.25** Film: Bed Of Lies (358672)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (48295) **8.00** The *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (53295)* **8.30** The DJ Kat Show (4496721) **8.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6782568) **9.30** Card Sharks (78092) **10.00** Concentration (8932943) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6114818) **10.30** Candid Camera (65030) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (33568) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (56882) **12.30pm** E Street (89108) **1.00** St Elsewhere (77363) **2.00** Shaka Zulu (71540) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9539276) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (3091382) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1837) **6.00** Gamesworld (9721) **6.30** Blockbusters (3301) **7.00** E Street (2568) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9585) **8.00** Due South (21108) **9.00** Civil Wars (34672) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (44059) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (406672) **11.45** Littlejohn (190634) **12.30am** Chances (32528) **1.30** Night Court (96883) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (4002290)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9116769) **9.30** Sky Worldwide Report (8177301) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (1636818) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (13479) **2.30** Parliament Live (40905) **5.05** Richard Littlejohn (44511) **9.10** CBS 60 Minutes (39276943) **11.30** CBS Evening News (74634) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (8094493) **1.10** CBS 60 Minutes (8603257) **2.30** Parliament Replay (61851) **4.30** CBS Evening News (13702) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight (62388)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2078818) **10.00 Radio Flyer** (1992) (83924) **12.00 Blue Fire Lady** (1976) (14943) **2.00pm We Joined the Navy** (1962) (26011) **4.00 True Stories** (1986) (6789) **6.00 Radio Flyer** (1992). As 10am (15547) **8.00 Stranded** (1992) (10092) **10.00 Lifepod** (1993) (69769) **11.30 Quarantine** (1989) (841092) **1.10am Donato and Daughter** (1993) (2770670) **2.40 Stardust** (1974) (614988) **4.30-6.00 Blue Fire Lady** (1976): As noon (18257)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Raid on Rommel (1971) (13127) **8.00 Barbarella** (1967) (16672) **10.00-12.00 Nico** (1988) (85858)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Solid Gold Cadillac (1956) (31806) **8.00 The Magic Riddle** (1991) (89634) **10.00 Lost Horizon** (1937) (12278276) **12.15pm The Pirates of Blood River** (1962) (779924) **2.00 The Sea Wolf** (1993) (28653) **4.00 The Magic Riddle** (1991): As 8am (86571030) **5.55 Trapped** *Beneath the Earth (1993) (16740295)* **7.30 UK Top Ten** (2295) **8.00 Sodbusters** (1993) (18634) **10.00 Barbarians at the Gate** (1993) (209672) **11.50 The Pursuit of D.B. Cooper** (1981) (571721) **1.35am Legacy of Lies** (1992) (757754) **3.10-4.50 Passed Away** (1992) (74423580)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

8.00am Max Out (88566) **8.30** American Sports Cavalcade (56301) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (28301) **10.00** The Big League (16837) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (81653) **12.30pm** NBA Basketball (160295) **3.00** International Cricket Highlights: Australia v England (6817721) **7.00** FA Cup Fourth-Round Match *(4551566)* ***11.00*** *Soccer News (709301)* **11.15** Fish Tales (799924) **11.30** Snowboard Tour (41011) **12.00-2.00am** FA Cup Fourth-Round Match (75122)

EUROSPORT

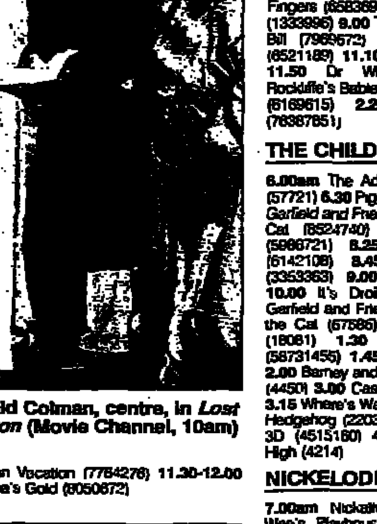
7.30am Golf (77905) **9.30** Alpine Skiing (91576) **12.00** Tennis (121566) **3.00pm** Football (57059) **4.00** Nascar (83634) **5.30** Alpine Skiing (31566) **6.30** Eurosport News (9127) **7.00** Speedworld (96059) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (85566) **10.00** Football (28295) **11.30** *Eurogolf Magazine (12818)* **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (12528)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2571189) **8.30** Peyton Place (2563160) **9.00** As the World Turns (9312585) **10.00** Guiding Light (4804276) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4817740)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Flight of an Angel (2574276) **12.30pm** *Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (8700011)* **1.00** The Great Escape (4828856) **1.30** The Real Food of China (8709382) **2.00** California Gold (8820063) **2.30** Flight of an Angel (8813672) **3.00** Hymns of Nature (7001740) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide — Holiday Give-Away Week (8904924) **4.30** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (8900108) **5.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (5625455) **5.30** The Real Food of China (8084160) **6.00** Getaway — Australia (8914301) **6.30** Discover Your World — Malaysia (8905653) **7.00** American Vacation (4143943) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (9225419) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (2120564) **9.00** Getaway — Australia (7026059) **9.30** Discover Your World — Malaysia (8797547) **10.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (2575805) **10.30** American Vacation (7784276) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (8050672)



Ronald Colman, centre, in *Lost Horizon* (Movie Channel, 10am)

TLC

9.00am Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (7946721) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (2318547) **10.00** Encounters with Grief (4043924) **10.30** Only Human (2636276) **11.30** Frontiers (2978637) **12.00** The Arrangement (7965585) **12.30pm** Avoidable Tragedy (2312363) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (7012585) **1.30** Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (2311634) **2.00** The Dad Film (2783437) **2.30** The Sick Kids (7149547) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (3238522) **3.30-4.00** Green Pages (7144092)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (7015672) **7.30** Neighbours (7001479) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7965856) **8.30** EastEnders (7964127) **9.00** The Bill (7955479) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (2960301) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (2638634) **11.30** No Place Like Home (2870295) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7868943) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2314721) **1.00** EastEnders (7014943) **1.30** The Bill (2313092) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (4061405) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers *(7141905)* **3.00** *Knots Landing (2874011)* **4.00** Dallas (2860818) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8670837) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (2732905) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4733301) **6.30** EastEnders (7168214) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9135108) **8.00** Rings on Their Fingers (6583699) **8.30** My Wife Next Door (1333996) **9.00** Tenko (9124092) **10.00** The Bill (7969672) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6521189) **11.10** Ripping Yarns (8285027) **11.50** Dr Who (7440030) **12.20am** Rockliffe's Babies (1263122) **1.20** Squadron (6169615) **2.20** Shopping at Night (76387851)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (57721) **6.30** Piggsburg Pigs (3318566) **6.55** *Garfield and Friends (3311653)* **7.25** Eek the Cat (8524740) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (5966721) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6142108) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3353363) **9.00** Sesame Street (73769) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (43905) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (18721) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (67585) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (18081) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (58731455) **1.45** Baby Follies (67286360) **2.00** Barney and Friends (4108) **2.30** Babar (4450) **3.00** Casper and Friends (6056769) **3.15** Where's Wally (221092) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (220363) *4.15 Head to Head in* 3D (4515160) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (4214)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (1710856) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (356127) **7.45** Rugrats (355498) **8.15** Doug (440030) **8.45** Nickalive! (9046189) **9.00** Nick Jr (103160) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (69295) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (38059) **1.00** Galaxy High School (71740) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (20030) **2.00** *Denver the Last* Dinosaur (3450) **2.30** Smoggies (5932) **3.00** Nick Fews! (2585) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2837) **4.00** Doug (4872) **4.30** Rugrats (5176) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (7030) **5.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack *(1108)* ***6.00*** *Grimmy (1721)* **6.30-7.00** Dracula (5301)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (7163127) **4.30** Earthfile (7152011) **5.00** Chrome Dreams (9533914) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (3320382) **7.00** Next Step (8183473) **7.30** Future Quest (7153740) **8.00** Space Age (9142498) **9.00** Reaching for the Skies (9122634) **10.00** Compass (9125721) **11.00** Special Forces (2669189) **11.30-12.00** Those Who Dare: Alaska Crab Fishermen (4049108)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: A Walk in the Sun (1945) Second World War action (4050214) **2.00pm** The Avengers (4048479) **3.00** Rat Patrol (9638568) **3.30** The Donny and Marie Show (7148818) **4.00** FILM: Beautiful Stranger (1954): Gangster's moll Ginger Rogers finds happiness with an artist (5036504) **6.00** The Protectors (7160030) **6.30** Cannon (2225818) **7.30** The Invisible Man (7157566) **8.00** The Avengers (9139924) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (9119160) **10.00-12.00** FILM. *Gordon's War (1973)*: Vietnam veteran Paul Winfield declares war on the drug pushers who have made his wife an addict (2868450)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2097160) **7.00** Living Magazine (2007498) **8.00** Room for Change (7212634) **8.30** Rendezvous (7211905) **9.00** Masterchef (4436905) **9.35** Now You See It (7720585) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4273634) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7231769) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3144127) **12.00** On The House (7215721) **12.30pm** Rendezvous (4968905) **1.00** Kilroy (4954160) **2.00** Agony Hour (4274363) **3.00** Living Magazine (7125634) **4.00** Infatuation (5231553) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10455295) **4.55** Take Sø Cooks (2111634) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5228189) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (5241030) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5232382) **7.00** Living Magazine (6687295) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8761455) **9.00** FILM: Kidnapped (1986). A woman sets out to rescue her sister who has been kidnapped by child pornographers (43803605) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (7589479) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7145498) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (4279818)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm *Danger Mouse (8180)* **5.30** Motormouth (801160) **6.25** All Clued Up (303289) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8924) **7.30** My Two Dads (5943) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (10030) **9.00** Moonlighting (84586) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (19450) **10.30** GP (35498) **11.00** Lou Grant (83160) **12.00** Rhoda (66851) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (36580) **1.00** Danger Mouse (36306) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (79509) **2.00** Moonlighting (46798) **3.00** Lou Grant (60783) **4.00** Rhoda (69141) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (57699)

MTV

5.00pm Awake on the Wildside (99219) **6.30** The Grind (89656) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (15382) **8.00** VJ Ingo (759617) **11.00** Soul (18063) **12.00** Greatest Hits (48450) **1.00** The Afternoon Mix (739214) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8871295) **3.45** Cinematic (8869450) **4.00** News (4534295) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4524818) **4.30** Dial MTV (6672) **5.00** Hit List UK (31672) **7.00** Greatest Hits (84540) **8.00** The Eagles: Hell Freezes Over (89160) **9.00** The Real World 3 (76108) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (56479) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (302130) **10.15** Cinematic (352635) **10.30** News (732479) **10.45** 3 from 1 (720634) **11.00** The End? (79127) **1.00am** Soul (34987) **2.00** The Grind (54219) **2.30** Night Videos (411580)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4827127) **9.00** Cafe (9248189) **12.00** The Bridge (2732943) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4859479) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7762276) **3.30** Into the Music (4345363) **6.00** Prime Cuts (8787160) **7.00** VH-1 for You (4145301) **8.00** Album Chart (4132837) **10.00** The Bridge (9325059) **11.30** VH-1 to 1: Simple Minds (8052030) **12.00** The Nightfly (2163306) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (5314561) **3.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 8am to 7pm, including **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (32924) **7.00** Asian Morning (37653) **8.30** Buniyaad (41059) **9.00** Pakistani FILM: Azamat (750092) **12.00** Ghar (40818) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM: Nyay Anyay (680769) **4.00** Pakistani Drama Nasreena (65092) **5.00** Cookery Programme (5214) **5.30** Tik Tik Tik (2092) **6.00** TVA and You (1721) **6.30** Buniyaad (5301) **7.00** Drama: Baba Jaan and Sons (4566) **7.30** Des Pardes (1585) **8.00** News Bulletins (3214) **8.30** Mano Ya Na Mano (2721) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Kala Bazaar (771450) **12.00** Asian Morning (94899) **1.30am** Sight and Sound (9794832)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: To Catch a Thief
7.00pm Penelope (1966) (25739943) **8.45 The Light Touch** (1951) (32693081) **10.30 Arsene Lupin Detective** (1937) (64197189) **12.25am Cairo** (1963) (16055412) **2.05-5.00 The Hour of Thirteen** (1952) (36782342)

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CBI retracts warning on pay increases

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND GRAHAM SEARJEANT

THE Confederation of British Industry has made a last-minute attempt to avoid another rise in interest rates by telling the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England that its earlier fears of wage-inflation were *mistaken*.

Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, has written directly to Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, who are due to meet on Thursday to discuss whether a further rise in bank base rates is necessary to stop the economy generating higher inflation in a year or two's time. He has told *them that inflationary pressures* from pay deals in Britain are easing.

Within the next fortnight, the CBI is to scale down previously published preliminary figures from its Pay Databank monitor of companies' wage deals to show that pay settlements are not rising as sharply as it had reported.

New independent surveys suggest, however, that pay deals are continuing on an upward trend. Most are still below the growth rate of the economy.

City economists expect the Governor to press for a further half-point rise in base rates to 6.75 per cent, although they are less certain that the Chancellor will agree to a rise this week. If not, they expect rates to rise in March.

David Walton, of Goldman Sachs, says that the investment bank's model, which *looks 20 months ahead, still* predicts inflation rising without further rate rises, even though inflationary pressures have eased.

David Kern, of National Westminster Bank, says that *rates will need to rise to 7.25* per cent by mid-year to contain inflationary pressures, but *might then fall*.

Arguing against a further rise in base rates, Mr Davies urges the Bank and the Treasury not to interpret evidence on prices from the CBI's latest Industrial Trends survey as *strong pressure on inflation* needing to be choked off.

The CBI had said that pay awards were running at 3.4 per cent in manufacturing and at 4.3 per cent in the service sector, but subsequent evidence from other pay deals shows that these figures were too high. Independent pay analysts have, however, *charted a rise in settlements* since the autumn.

Support for scepticism on pay comes today in a survey from the EEF engineering employers showing that 70 per cent of pay deals in engineering in the last three months of 1994 were for rises of 3 per cent or less, and Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group, says today that fewer than 16 per cent of UK businesses are likely to give above-inflation pay rises this year.

The D&B survey of 1,350 companies concludes that pay deals will have little impact on *inflation this year. Philip* Mellor, of D&B, says: "As nine out of ten of the larger and medium-sized companies are keeping their pay rises to below 4 per cent, there are no signs that wage settlements *this year will be inflationary.*"

However, a leading independent pay monitoring group today says that settlements are still rising. In its latest analysis of pay trends, Incomes Data Services says that two-thirds of deals so far in January are worth 3 per cent or more, with some big rises in the finance sector and the motor industry. Specifically casting doubt on CBI Databank figures, IDS says that the major upward pressures on pay are coming from rising inflation, stronger economic growth, high profitability and tax increases, as well as some sectoral problems of recruiting and keeping staff. It argues that settlements will rise to an average 3.5 per cent in coming months.

Change of tune, page 42

Industry divided on Euro opt-out

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's insistence on maintaining its Maastricht social chapter opt-out is put under pressure *today by evidence* showing that as many as a quarter of company managers would like Britain to abandon it.

Ministers are determined to sustain the opt-out, which was negotiated by the Prime Minister, although European Commission leaders have made it clear that they would like it to be dropped when member states meet for the planned inter-governmental conference on Europe next year.

A new survey by the Industrial Society, which promotes good practice at work, finds that 25 per cent of those questioned would like Britain to withdraw from the opt-out. Although more people support the opt-out, at 33 per cent, the scale of opposition is surprising, especially since a further 29 per cent remain undecided.

The survey of a sample of *580 managers shows that* some are worried about the present level of European influence, but what the society describes as a "significant proportion" want more harmonisation of employee consultation *arrangements* across EU member states. And 31 per cent back that in direct contradiction to claims by business leaders and ministers that there is sustained opposition to harmonised consultation.

Indeed, almost two-thirds of the managers surveyed maintain that the level of European influence makes no difference to their present consultation arrangements, although they are fearful of the growth of such influence over the next two to three years.

JULIAN HERBERT

Stephen Johnson, of Mason Arch Games, with his Misfortune game, on show at Olympia

Toy trade fighting back after hard times

BY VICTORIA MCKEE

STEPHEN JOHNSON, a board game inventor, hopes to profit from misfortune. So does the toy trade gathered this week for the British International Toy and Hobby Fair, at London's Olympia.

Mr Johnson, a former financial adviser, was catapulted into the middle of the M4 when a car hit him while he was on its hard shoulder. He decided to turn his experience into a humorous game, *Misfortunes*, which has had promising initial sales of 300, at £29.99, through Hamleys since November.

The toy industry has *emerged leaner and meaner* after a series of setbacks, including being buffeted by the recession, rebuffed by a generation for whom childhood ends earlier, and bewildered by the growth of electronic games at its expense. Now the industry is fighting back in a UK toy market valued at £1.6 billion by the British Toy and Hobby Manufacturers' Association.

The big multinational groups Mattel and Hasbro are bigger and stronger after buying or merging with other companies. Mattel expects to announce *$3.5 billion turnover* worldwide for 1994, according to Denis Horton, group marketing director.

V-Tech, the Japanese-specialist in electronic learning aids — computers for kids — *grew 30 per cent last year*, cornering half of the £53 million UK market.

The few medium-sized British companies still holding their own, such as Bluebird, Hornby, Cassidy's, Britains and *John Adams*, have done so by consolidating and concentrating on market niches.

There are 101 new companies among the 382 exhibitors at the Toy and Hobby Fair, 23 more in total than last year. Most are aware of the need to keep prices down and quality high, with "pocket-money collectable" items such as Bluebird's Polly Pocket range among the most successful volume sales.

Advances in technology are helping to keep prices down and play-value high. Mattel's Denis Horton says: "Three years ago, we brought out Teen Talk Barbie, who could say six phrases and cost £16.99. Now, we're launching Super Talk Barbie, who can say 100,000 things and will cost the same."

Deutsche Bank debtor on the brink

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE GERMAN engineering group whose shares were suspended on Friday, Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD), is today expected to confirm that dramatic measures are needed to save the company from insolvency or break-up.

The Cologne-based company, which specialises in heavy plant, large-scale diesel motors and farm machinery, has been dogged by operating losses and big debts, despite heavy restructuring by Kajo Neunkirchen, the company doctor which was brought in *last year to rescue* Metallgesellschaft, the German metals and engineering group, from bankruptcy.

The renewed and serious problems at KHD have come as a fresh blow for Deutsche Bank, its main backer, which is also having to bear much of the burden of the costly Metallgesellschaft rescue.

The *suspension of KHD* shares until after trading today was considered by German analysts to be a pointer to the seriousness of the problems, because it gave the management four whole *days to try to thrash out* a solution acceptable to the banks.

The share suspension followed a 20 per cent price drop early on Friday.

Reports have suggested that *the company had built up* bank debts of DM1.3 billion on a turnover last year of DM3 billion. KHD has denied that it had a liquidity shortage of DM500 million.

The company managed to break *even in 1993* because of asset sales, but has continued to make operating losses as parts of its business suffered from the collapse of the former Soviet bloc.

Speculation on the fate of the company focuses on its being forced to file for protection from its creditors, under Germany's equivalent of the American Chapter 11 rules, which seek to keep the firm going, or on the breaking up and sale of the component businesses.

Another option is for KHD to write down its capital before turning to its shareholders for new funds. However, industry sources said that the failure of the company's restructuring has raised the question of whether it is worth saving.

Insurers' tax relief blocked

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR backbench MPs have blocked a Bill that would have brought tax relief for insurance companies' catastrophe reserves an important step closer.

A Private Member's Bill from Oliver Heald, Tory MP for Hertfordshire North, aimed at requiring certain insurance companies to build up reserves for major disasters, failed to make Parliamentary progress when it was debated in the Commons on Friday. Although the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Bill was supported by the Government and the Labour front bench, the limited time available for Private Member's Bills meant that Labour left-wingers were able to "talk out" the measure. It now stands little chance of becoming law in this session of Parliament.

Jonathan Evans, the junior trade minister, said that the Treasury had agreed to consider providing tax relief for reserves, if the Bill had been passed. The British insurance industry has long complained that it suffers a competitive disadvantage, compared with continental Europe, because it has had to build reserves out of taxed income. As a result, UK insurers have tended to under-reserve, and have been more exposed to the catastrophic losses caused by man-made and natural disasters.

The industry has expressed disappointment that it did not make further progress.

Labour left-wingers were determined to prevent insurance companies benefiting from a tax concession at a time of tax increases on the public.

Super Bowl of cherries at $40,000 a second

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Cup that cheers: 750 million consumers tune in

EVEN before the start of last night's American football Super Bowl one *record had fallen. The game generated* the most expensive television commercials in history. A 30-second advert during the first Super Bowl in 1967 cost $85,000. Last night, when the San Francisco 49ers took on the San Diego Chargers in Miami, it cost $1.2 million.

That was $40,000 a second, or triple the cost of a commercial during the most popular prime-time shows, and does not include production costs that in some cases reached $2 million. But ABC television had no problem selling all 60 spots to 25 advertisers.

ABC estimated that the game would be *watched by 120 million Americans*, male and female, young and old, not to mention another 630 million viewers in *174 other countries*.

"We think we get more value from our buy in the Super Bowl than from any other buy we make," said Jerry Flemma, an advertising executive representing Master Lock, of Milwaukee, which for 20 years has spent a quarter of its promotional budget on a Super Bowl spot.

The event is the Super Bowl of advertising as well as football, when America's corporate giants launch their *newest products and Madison Avenue* showcases its latest and greatest ads. Last night's offerings included a new Pepsi ad in which a little boy sucks so hard on his straw that he is pulled inside the bottle. Doritos crisps had Mario Cuomo and Ann Richards, the governors *of New York and Texas until last* November, discussing new flavours and packaging. Anheuser-Busch showed the final of the "Bud Bowl" — a long-running battle between bottles of Bud Light and Budweiser beer.

However, Arthur Andersen, the accountants, decided the $1.2 million price tag was too great this year. Instead it bought 150 regular slots for half as much in the days before the game. In the empty *stadium, a narrator intoned:* "At Arthur Andersen we'd love to be in on the big game. However the people we want to get this message to will probably be there and would miss our commercial."

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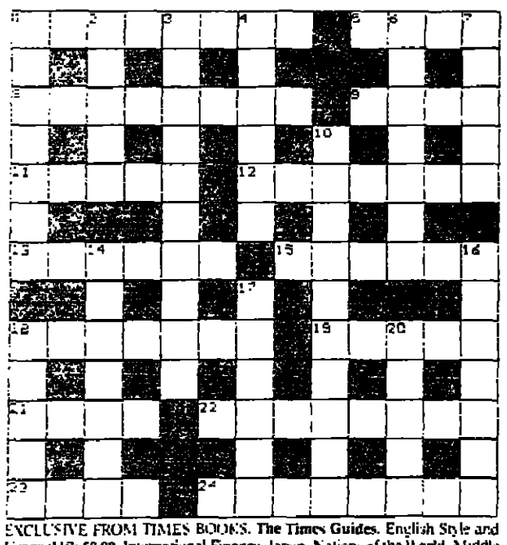

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 382

ACROSS

1 Serenely calm (8)
5 (Northern) girl (4)
8 Debatable (8)
9 Summit, peak (4)
11 Italian ham town, had Charterhouse (5)
12 Arousing strong feelings (7)
13 Feeble, exhausted (6)
15 Sugar, milk, spirits etc drink; a flip (3-3)
18 Scent; distilled extract (7)
19 Went down (tide) (5)
21 Way out (4)
22 Contemplate (an eventuality) (8)
23 Pull; an American (4)
24 Remove faded flowers; useless person (8)

DOWN

1 Trudge (7)
2 Bode; Roman soothsayer (5)
3 Isolation of suspected disease-carrier (10)
4 As replacement (2,4)
6 Disposal of lots (7)
7 Investment (by army) (5)
10 Too shy to speak (6-4)
14 Thick cotton fabric; pompous writing (7)
16 Unexpected, much-needed event (7)
17 Spiritualist session (6)
18 Mineral used for abrading, polishing (5)
20 *Slowing device; thicket* (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 381

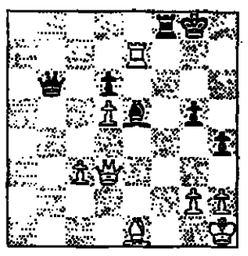
ACROSS: 1 Gay Gordons 9 Gainsay 10 Suite 11 Yawn 12 Retainer 14 Unripe 15 Floral 18 Tipstaff 20 Okra 22 Morse 23 *Impasto* 24 *Rearmament*

DOWN: 2 Also 3 Geyser 4 Rascally 5 Orion 6 Steer clear of 7 Ugly customer 8 Viewer 13 Upstream 16 Rakish 17 Affirm 19 Parka 21 Upon

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Stefanova - Peptan, *Moscow Olympiad, 1995.* Things look desperate for Black, who is a pawn down and threatened with mate on h7. How did she turn the tables to score a neat win?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BLONDINETTE
a. A pigeon
b. A type of hairnet
c. A kind of tuna

DISSAVA
a. A gingery herb
b. Fermented coconut juice
c. *A governor in Sri Lanka*

FANAGALO
a. A lascivious dance
b. A picador's ribbon
c. An African lingo

BIGARADE
a. *A bitter orange*
b. A Portuguese Army brigade
c. Eccentric

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